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**VEST GOES FOR
FORM PLAYERS
FOR NSW TEAM**

CROATIA TRIO GET CHANCE



WALLY SAVOR



JIMMY PATIKAS (right)

SYDNEY CROATIA's attacking trio of Wally Savor, Jimmy Patikas and Graham Arnold will spearhead the New South Wales side for the interstate match against Queensland this Thursday (Anzac Day).

Croatia are riding high at the top of the National League Northern Division and attacking midfielders Savor and Patikas and central

striker Arnold are in form and full of confidence.

NSW coach Alan Vest hopes that spirit will carry over into the state side for Thursday's encounter at Perry Park in Bris-

bane. Savor and Arnold came into the NSL only last year when Sydney Croatia were promoted from State League.

The pair made a big impression and were called into national

training camps in the latter half of the season.

STRUGGLED

Savor, 25, was selected as a right-back in the Socceroos' world tour squad in November-December last year, but he struggled in that position.

This season, Savor hopes to retain his

national squad place in his usual role as an attacking flank midfielder.

Arnold and Patikas missed the cut-off for the world tour, but the two 21-year-olds are pushing for national selection for the club tournament to be held in Australia in May-June.

BY BRAD EARL

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NSL RESULTS

ROUND 7:

ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Selvage) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,020.
MARCONI 6 (Brown 3, Henderson, Lowe, Gray) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Dickson) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,136.
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (Stewart, Senkalski) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Colagiuri) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1,590.
SYDNEY CITY 2 (Lee, Watson) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Raskopoulos) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 5,430.
PENRITH CITY 3 (Jackson, Licata, Easthorpe) INTER MONARO 4 (Giampaolo 2, Thamnidis, Dragicevic) at Cook Park. Crowd: 311.
CANBERRA CITY 2 (Bryant, Dunn) SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (Patikas 2, M. Kovacic, Jurin) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 3,382.

TOP SCORERS

5 — Arnold (S. Cr), Patikas (S. Cr), Colagiuri (AL), Jankovics (M), Brown (M)
4 — Farina (S. City)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	7	5	1	1	17	9	11
Sydney City	7	5	0	2	17	9	10
Marconi	7	3	3	1	16	12	9
Blacktown City	7	4	1	2	10	6	9
Apia Leichhardt	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
Sydney Olympic	7	4	0	3	7	6	8
Canberra City	7	2	3	2	11	10	7
Penrith City	7	2	2	3	9	8	6
St George	7	2	2	3	6	6	6
Newcastle Rosebud	7	1	2	4	7	15	4
Wollongong City	7	0	2	5	12	12	4
Inter Monaro	7	1	0	6	8	19	2

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (D. Milosevic 52, Turnbull 58) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Masi 77).
SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (Pulic 30, Lerotic 52, Kero 65, Medanic pen 74) AIS 1 (Polak 77).
ST GEORGE 4 (Aranyi 16, 28, Strasshofer 30, De Filippas 44) BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (Jones 35, 45, Roldan 71).
CANBERRA CITY 2 (Perinovic 21, 89) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Berkovic 15).
MARCONI 3 (Reid 2, Carmona) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Corridini).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Mazzotta 50) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Foxman 2, Saad 11).
PENRITH CITY 2 (Easthorpe 12, 36) INTER MONARO 1 (Gagetti 90).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra City	7	6	1	0	18	8	13
Sydney City	7	5	2	0	23	2	12
St George	8	4	2	2	16	15	10
Newcastle Rosebud	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
Wollongong City	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
Apia Leichhardt	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
AIS	6	2	3	1	15	13	7
Blacktown City	7	3	1	3	12	11	7
Sydney Croatia	8	2	2	4	14	16	6
Marconi	7	1	3	3	12	14	5
Sydney Olympic	8	1	3	4	7	15	5
Inter Monaro	8	1	1	6	10	28	3
Penrith City	9	1	1	7	10	28	3

CROATIA NEEDED PLENTY OF LUCK

CANBERRA CITY2 SYD CROATIA.....4

AT Bruce Stadium, Sydney Croatia showed why it leads the Northern Division. It is a good team playing with lots of luck.

The final 4-2 scoreline in Croatia's favour was far from a reflection of play, but goals are all that count in soccer.

With 18-year-old rookie Jason Dunn in the centre of a midfield that won handsomely all day, Canberra were so dominant that the busiest players on the park were their three strikers, Hilton Phillips, Manis Lamond and Tom English.

Croatia to their credit managed to mount an attack each time Canberra drew level, and its offside trap worked well.

Without Bruno Vidacic, who was suspended, and the injured Wally Savor, only Zarko Odzakovic came near the class of the Canberra midfield.

Terry Byrne and the tigerish Paul Ontong mostly had the measure of Jim Patikas, whose explosive breaks down the centre were predictable.

Nevertheless, Patikas scored twice.

At the 85th minute it seemed that a 2-2 result would tell the story, all four goals had come from defensive errors.

Neither team would have got the points, but the winner would have been soccer after an enthralling match.

Then Croatia scored twice in the last five minutes to retain the league leadership, and make a nail-biting game look as

though it had been a cakewalk.

The last goal, which Patikas headed in at the far post from a Graham Arnold cross, was a fine one. The third had an element of good fortune, when a drive against the crossbar rebounded onto the forehead of Zeljko Jurin, who was Johnny-on-the-spot.

Two of the mistakes in the first four goals were made by Canberra left-back Roy Jones, the other two by Croatia keeper Greg Woodhouse.

In the 20th minute Jones brought down Jurin in the area after the Croatia player had passed the ball.

Marijan Kovacic converted the penalty.

Jones had control of a through-ball just half-a-minute after the half-time break, but somehow lost it to Patikas, whose drive ran some way along the goal-line after hitting the post. Finally the ball screwed into the goal.

The most spectacular mistake was Woodhouse's failure to read a high ball that Steve Bryant hit from 30 metres. The keeper stood rooted to his line as the ball curved away into the far corner of the net.

It was Woodhouse again who should have gathered a Bryant corner in the 77th minute. Instead Dunn headed in his



STEVE BRYANT: first goal for Canberra against Croatia.

first NSL goal.

The game was the fastest, the most skillful and certainly the most exciting seen in Canberra this year.

Croatia is strong down the middle from Vedran Rozic, through Odzakovic to Patikas, but Rozic often bypasses his midfield trying to find Patikas.

Canberra coach Roy Thomson can take cold comfort from the fact that he proved himself a motivator. His team has not played too well all season and needs no more than a smidgin of luck to beat any team in the League.

Man of the match: Canberra's **STEVE BRYANT**, the most creative of a dominant midfield that continually provided chances for its strikers.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Jones, Byrne, Harkins, Sermanni, Dunn (Farrell 82), Bryant, Lamond, English, Phillips.

CROATIA: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Baslo, Rezo, Rozic, Tomasic, Jurin, Odzakovic, Clinch (Caletta 72), Arnold, Patikas (A. Kovacic 88).

REFEREE: S. Zoumas. CROWD: 3,382.

GOALKEEPERS STEAL SHOW

ST GEORGE.....1 BLACKTOWN.....1

BLACKTOWN CITY battled hard to hold St George to a 1-1 draw in wet conditions at the St George Stadium with both goalkeepers starring for their sides in an action-packed first session.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A satisfied Blacktown City coach, Casey De Bruin, stated after the match: "We came here looking for an away point and got it."

Saints threatened in the 14th minute when Peter Petkovski set up Johnny O'Shea with a shot at the target from 20 metres which was just cleared by Blacktown's left-back Martin Bourke to deny Saints' a goal.

But just three minutes later, Blacktown striker John Larkin blasted well at the St George goal, only to see World Cup goalkeeper Terry Greedy pull off a great save.

Vic Bozanic in the 38th minute drilled a 20 metre drive well on target, but Blacktown goalkeeper Barry Hoare excelled by tipping the hot shot over the top.

Seconds before the break, St George looked dangerous when Robbie Slater busted clear, crossed into the box where Hoare could only palm down to the feet of the advancing Saints' sweeper, David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe belted his

12 metre shot on target, only to see Hoare make another great save.

Blacktown's back-four of Skellern, Pointer, Wheatley and Bourke, stood up well to all St George raids.

Blacktown experimented by slotting striker John Bradley in at central midfield, flanked by defensive linkmen, Stuart Selvage on the right and Brett Thornthwaite on the left.

St George were awarded a free-kick in the 72nd minute 25 metres out on the right taken by Andy Koczka. Koczka screwed his hit wide out to the left where John O'Shea immediately whipped it back inside the box to Vic Bozanic.

Bozanic smashed towards goal where Peter Petkovski got a touch in flight to steer the ball into the net.

Blacktown City immediately hit back at the other end.

Following a cross from the right by international flanker Phil O'Connor, Selvage whacked in the loose ball from eight metres to level the scoreline.

De Bruin stated after the match: "It was a tight match and under the circumstances I was satisfied with the result and point. Next week we have Kevin Keegan in the side for our next two matches, and we want four points from these."

But a somewhat dejected St George coach, Frank Arok, lamented: "We played them three times last year and only beat them once. They are a hard team to get over the top of, as they don't give you space."

St George were best served by Slater and Greedy, whilst Blacktown's best were sweeper Robbie Wheatley and Hoare.

Man of the match: **ROBBIE SLATER** who repeatedly supplied dangerous crosses from the flanks.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Green; Bozanic (Ricoy 75), Stone, J. O'Shea; Slater, Koczka (Morton 80), Petkovski.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare; Skellern, Pointer, Wheatley, Bourke; Selvage, Bradley, Thornthwaite; Larkin (Knight 85), McKie, O'Connor.

REFEREE: P. Rampley. CROWD: 1,020.

MARCONI SWAMP WOLVES

MARCONI.....6 WOLLONGONG.....1

MARCONI hit the Wollongong wolf cubs with four goals in the last 12 minutes and left a big question mark over coach Adrian Alston's policy of letting his players stream forward all the time.

Certainly it will have to come under review as it may well prove counter-productive if the defence is to continually come against such pressure.

Until the 79th minute Wollongong were only trailing by one goal. They offered 150 percent commitment and a measure of skill compared with Marconi's better technique, which was marred by being somewhat slow in the build-ups.

Marconi's big gains were to have Peter Tredinnick back after injury and showing plenty of effort and in addition to have Rod Brown scoring a hat-trick and David Lowe beginning to show his

capabilities once again.

Brown started the scoring in the seventh minute with a searing low shot after Lowe had transferred from the right wing.

In all truth it was Lowe who made the goal as his crossfield ball could not be bettered.

Bernie Godzik sent over a close-in corner which went through Alex McPherson's hands. Three Wollongong forwards pounced but their efforts came to naught.

At the other end David Green cleared ferociously from his line after a Mark Jank-

ovics' prod.

Marconi had the better of the chances over the rest of the half apart from two attempts from Zivko Hristovski.

The best chance over the period was a gilt-edged one for Lowe, who put a soft shot past the post after Paul Carter had set him in motion.

Scott Dickson brought the score to 1-1 in the 47th minute. He speared in a bouncing ball which probably was helped on by Steve Calderan.

A Tredinnick corner resulted in a Craig Mason shot and then Tony Henderson got the ball into goal through a bunch of defenders.

Lowe took the count to 3-1 with a great solo run in which he broke through Willis, cut

around Sean Billington and deposited the ball in the net.

In the 79th minute Brown lobbed Billington and three minutes later, after a Wollongong chance to Hristovski, fast mover Ian Gray scored following a Jankovics pass.

Then, a minute into injury time, Brown scored his third thanks to a fine breakthrough by Henderson.

Man of the match: **ROD BROWN** for his composed scoring.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Tredinnick.

WOLLONGONG: Billington, Green (Brodnik 67), Condran, Dickson, Willis, Kerr, Bundalo, Godzik, Kalamitidis, Hristovski, Glennone.

REFEREE: G. Werna. CROWD: 1,136.



DAVID LOWE: returning to his best form for Marconi.

SCHAEFER IN BIG TROUBLE FOR FINAL

SYDNEY CITY.....2 SYD OLYMPIC.....1

THERE's no team in the NSL better than Sydney City when it comes to producing a thoroughly professional performance when the chips are down.

The Slickers rammed home this fact in the mud and slush of the Sydney Athletic Field yesterday when they downed Sydney Olympic 2-1 in a dour and tense struggle.

Both teams went into this match with a question mark over their form and the stakes were high.

The end result was that Slickers coach Eddie Thomson seems to have found the winning blend he was chasing.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer looks to be in all sorts of trouble because of injuries for Thursday's NSL Cup final against Preston at St George Stadium.

Key midfielder Peter Katholos took a heavy knock in this clash and there seems no way he will regain 100 percent fitness for the big Anzac Day match.

The Slickers approach yesterday in the atrocious conditions was positive and was this factor that won them the game.

At the back they adopted a no-nonsense style and played everything easy and the way they faced.

Sweeper Alex Robertson and young full-back Ean Rodrigues were magnificent and never once were flurried under pressure.

The same cannot be said for the Olympic defence that time and time again attempted to play the short ball that more than often stuck in the mud and never reached its destination.

This is how the Slickers first goal came about in the 19th minute when Grant Lee slid home the ball into an empty net after Graham Jennings had committed a cardinal

BY TOM ANDERSON

error by attempting to pass back in an impossible situation.

In midfield, the skills of "Jinky" Joe Watson reigned supreme and on this slippery surface he proved to be a little master.

Watson's brilliance was rewarded by a goal in the 49th minute.

Olympic's goal was scored in the 89th minute by their outstanding midfielder Peter Raskopoulos.

Both sets of strikers

ran their hearts out all to no avail and their finishing touch floundered in the mud.

Man of the match: JOE WATSON and ALEX ROBERTSON must share this honour as they both produced a flawless display.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier, Svinos (Polias 75), Lampropoulos, Rogers, Jennings, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos (Johnston 35), Soper, Koussas, Kalantzis.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 5,430.



GRAHAM JENNINGS gets above John Kosmina in the rain at the Sydney Athletic Field, but it was Kosmina's Sydney City side which came out on top against Sydney Olympic.

BAZ IS BACK TO TOP FORM

PENRITH.....3 INTER MONARO.....4

THE return of former Socceroo striker Baz Giampaolo to the Inter Monaro starting line-up gave the bottom team the impetus for their 4-3 victory over Penrith City at Cook Park yesterday.

BY BRAD EARL

Penrith went into this match with a 1-0 win over Sydney City fresh in their minds, and they looked like notching their third successive victory when they opened the scoring after only six minutes.

That goal was scored by striker Brian Jackson when he met a hard low cross from Ian Hunter on the right.

However, coach Willie Wallace said that goal was the worse thing that happened to Penrith, and two senior players agreed with that summation after the match.

Penrith's over-confi-

dence was punished by Giampaolo in the 24th minute when he was allowed to race unopposed into the penalty area on the right side and smash a hard drive to score.

Giampaolo returned to the fray as a substitute the previous week against Sydney Croatia, but his limited fitness restricted his performance.

Against Penrith, his positioning and shooting were first-class and that was most evident in the 39th minute when he scored with a hard, low shot



BAZ GIAMPAOLO

after Chris Thamnidis pulled the ball back from the byline.

It was the little Greek winger who scored the third goal for Monaro in the 60th minute when he waltzed his way through the penalty area on the left side and squeezed the ball into the net off a Penrith defender.

Then Penrith stirred and began to work harder to peg back the deficit; Rene Licata smashing the ball home with his trusty left foot in the 71st minute.

Penrith pulled out the equaliser on the stroke of 90 minutes when McIntosh crossed from the right. Licata headed into the goalmouth and substi-

tute striker Randell Easthorpe banged the ball home.

But the match wasn't over and it was that man Giampaolo, who earned Monaro's winner when he went down in the penalty area and Emil Dragicevic made no mistake with the penalty kick.

Man of the match: BAZ GIAMPAOLO was always a threat whenever he received the ball and displayed the skill of which he is capable.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson; Brogan, Toohy, Alsworth, McIntosh; Watherspoon, Campbell (Habb 60), Cross; Hunter (Easthorpe 72), Jackson, Licata.

INTER MONARO: Hocking; Walsh, Budini (Gageti 70) Santolin, Dachs; Ambrosino, Carbone, Willox; Dragicevic, Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

REFEREE: K. Smell.

CROWD: 311.

ROSEBUDS CAST GLOOM ASIDE

NEWCASTLE.....2 LEICHHARDT.....1

BY NEIL JAMESON

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED exorcised the frustrations of their mid-week Cup dismissal by defeating Apia Leichhardt 2-1 on Saturday.

It was two controversial penalties that put Newcastle out of the Cup, so there was some irony in the fact that it took a penalty to provide the winner against Leichhardt.

After Newcastle had failed to take advantage of a glut of offerings delivered in the box by David Jones on the left, it was Leichhardt who opened the scoring on the stroke of half-time.

There was nothing complex about it — just perfect execution as Vince Colagiuri pushed the ball once to his left and then struck a dazzling 25 metre drive past Gosling.

It took Newcastle just nine minutes of the second half to get back on terms as teenager Darren Stewart scored his first NSL goal.

Derek Todd shot speculatively from long

range, goalkeeper Bob Catlin fumbled, Bernard Kerby volleyed off the bar and Stewart headed in the rebound.

Joe Senkalski's creativity gave Newcastle the edge over a Leichhardt midfield in which Arno Bertogna worked tirelessly.

It was Senkalski in the 76th minute who picked out Stewart with a probing diagonal ball into the box.

The defence converged but Stewart dummied, leaving the pass for Todd, who rounded a defender and was upended by the keeper.

Senkalski converted the penalty and Newcastle deservedly collected their first winning points for the season.

Man of the match: MIKE BOOGAARD, after missing a match through suspension, the stopper was back in faultless form, being largely responsible for confining Leichhardt's attack to long-range shooting.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Boogaard, Owens, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Stewart, Kerby.

LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Bertogna, Mariani, Butler, Colagiuri, McCulloch, Caban (Hamilton 81), Rowden, Morsello (Genovese 79).

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 1,200.



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ROUND 7:

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Price) BRISBANE CITY 3 (Carey, Mengotti, Reis) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,500.
 PRESTON 1 (Smith) HEIDELBERG 4 (Stevenson 3, Yankos) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 6,000.
 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 3) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Rankin) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 600.
 GREEN GULLY 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 3,500.
 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Egan, McDowell) SUNSHINE 1 (Latif) at Middle Park. Crowd: 5,000.
 BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Anderson) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 963.

TOP SCORERS

9 — Egan (SM)
 6 — Stevenson (H)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	7	4	3	0	13	8	11
Heidelberg	7	4	2	1	14	6	10
Melbourne Croatia	7	3	3	1	9	3	9
Brunswick Juve	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
Brisbane Lions	7	3	2	2	5	4	8
Preston	7	3	2	2	11	11	8
Green Gully	7	2	3	2	9	7	7
Sunshine GC	7	2	3	2	6	7	7
Brisbane City	7	2	2	3	8	9	6
West Adelaide	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Adelaide City	7	0	3	4	8	16	3
Footscray	7	0	0	7	5	16	0

NSL CUP SEMI-FINALS

OLYMPIC WIN IN CONTROVERSY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3
 NEWCASTLE 2

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

TWO controversial refereeing decisions kept Sydney Olympic in the hunt to win the NSL Cup.

In last week's semi-final clash against Newcastle, Olympic was staring defeat in the face down 2-0 and well out of the running.

In the 59th minute, referee Peter Ramsley awarded Olympic a dubious penalty for a foul on striker Mark Koussas.

Gary Phillips scored from the spot to narrow the leeway after nippy Newcastle striker Derek Todd netted two goals within the first 24 minutes.

On the second occasion Olympic's Marshall Soper appeared to take a dive on the edge of the box, which would have done Peter Shilton proud.

Again Olympic's reliable penal-

ty-taker Phillips, scored.

This goal inspired Olympic and they pushed forward at every opportunity.

Newcastle were visibly distraught over both penalties and it wasn't surprising to see Olympic press home their advantage.

In the 89th minute of the match Phillips put a high cross over from the left flank, both Soper and Newcastle goalie Clint Gosling missed the ball and Koussas was on hand to slam home the winner to the delight of the vocal Olympic crowd.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Maniatis (Polias 74), Lampropoulos, Phillips, Raakopoulos, Soper, Johnston (Koussas 45), Katholos, Kalantzis.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Meier, Owens, M. Jones, MacQuarrie, Thompson, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Stewart, Kerby (Brandt 61).

REFEREE: P. Ramsley.
CROWD: 3,181.

LATIF'S COSTLY PENALTY MISS

PRESTON 2
 SUNSHINE GC 1

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

PRESTON president John Brannov is confident his team can win the National Cup following their nail-biting 2-1 semi-final victory over Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Park.

Preston are pitted against Sydney Olympic in the final at St George Stadium on Thursday.

"Though we are in the final for the first time, I am confident of victory," he said.

Preston staged a brilliant performance against the up-and-coming Sunshine side and emerged worthy winners of the action-packed semi-final.

It must be noted, however, that luck was on their side in the 40th minute when George Cross' leading striker Ossie Latif failed to convert from the penalty spot.

Referee Chris Bambridge awarded the penalty against Preston captain George McMillan for handling the ball inside the area.

Latif netted the first time. The

referee ordered the kick to be retaken because George Cross players were encroaching inside the area before the first shot was taken. Latif's second kick went wide of the post.

However, the dynamic striker made amends in the 44th minute. After a solo run he netted George's goal.

Preston showed determination in the second half and persistently attacked Lou Kastner's goal, desperately searching for an equaliser.

Star forward Steve Smith punctured George Cross' defence in the 73rd minute, turning in a cross from Graham Heys.

Two minutes later, Gary Cole caused an uproar, netting the winning goal from the penalty spot after Don McLaren handled the ball.

PRESTON: Traianidis, Opsinas, McMillan, Dobson, Illoski, Flavell, Heys, Lane, Smith, Spink, Cole.

SUNSHINE: Kastner, Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Campbell, Bain, Faulkner, McLaren (Toal 61), Glider, Latif, Milton.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.
CROWD: 1,000.

WINS CONTINUE FOR HERMISTON

IT was a disaster day for West Adelaide when their undefeated-at-home run ended, and another triumph for Brisbane City under coach Jim Hermiston when he watched his men collect two away points from a 3-1 win at Hindmarsh Stadium.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Calamity for West in the 26th minute when defender Ian McGregor, playing his 200th NSL game, headed the ball against Martyn Crook's crossbar and watched it rebound to Brisbane's Peter Carey, who buried it into the net for a 1-1 half-time scoreline.

Frank Mengotti put Brisbane ahead in the 71st minute when he accepted a square pass just outside the box, teased three West defenders standing in a line and hammered the ball low to beat Crook.

Crook was back in the side as Gary Sproul is expected to be out for 10 weeks following a knee operation.

West were "gifted" an equaliser in the 76th minute when down to 10 men after Chris Manou had been sent off in the 74th minute.

A power-laden drive from McGregor had hit Garry Bromfield and referee Mike Browning awarded a penalty — much to the surprise of

the West players and fans as well as the visitors.

After a delay, West skipper Graham Honeyman drove the kick to the right of Wishart who saved.

Alan Reis completed the rout when he broke from his own half with West throwing everyone up forward and raced in to beat the onrushing Crook in the 85th minute.

The day was a triumph for Hermiston, who has lifted Brisbane City from the mediocre outfit which drew with Adelaide City in the opening round to top five candidates.

Man of the match: ALAN REIS for a scintillating performance which at times tied West in knots and had he not scored it would have been an injustice.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McGregor, Honeyman, Brown, Hiam, Manou, Atsalas, Stametopoulos (Panagis 53), Price, Scott, Konstantopoulos.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Junna, Glockner (Lettieri 61), Mengotti, Carey (Scriggins 61), Reis, Hamilton, Milovanovic.
REFEREE: M. Browning.
CROWD: 3,012.

ALAN NIVEN CELEBRATES

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS full-back Alan Niven celebrated his 200th NSL game with a man of the match performance against Footscray at Richlands.

But the display from the former Socceroo, whose left foot distribution was a delight to watch, was the only highlight as Lions scrambled their way to a 1-0 result.

And with the club providing nine players to the Queensland team to play NSW at Perry Park on Thursday, state coach Bruce Stowell was far from impressed.

"I hope they snap out of it by Thursday," he said.

Lions had ample midfield play in the first half but the old problem of failing to put away the chances reared its head.

The home team had to rely on a back-pass mistake in the 19th minute for their winner.

The move started with the ever-sharp Danny Wright, who played a neat through-ball for Clark Anderson.

But Footscray defen-



ALAN NIVEN

der Brian O'Donnell was quick to intercept and had things under control until he attempted to pass back to Dennis Boland.

O'Donnell's pass to his keeper went only a metre and the speedy Anderson darted in to win the ball, round Boland and score.

Apart from a Wright shot which was well saved by Boland and a Cairney header which hit the woodwork, the remainder of the match was all Footscray.

The unlucky Melbourne side was twice denied goals by brilliant saves from the vastly improved Lions keeper Wayne Evans, while Zdravko Lujic missed a sitter when, with only Jackson on the line to beat, he scooped over the top.

And a special mention must be made of the refereeing performance of Alan Kibbler whose decisions were faultless.

Even more impressive was his handling of the players and on one occasion Kibbler even put his yellow card back into his pocket after rethinking an incident.

Man of the match: ALAN NIVEN, not just because he was playing his 200th match but because his general play was reminiscent of his Socceroo days.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, Wright, Cairney.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Kyriakoulas, MacLeod, Karic, O'Donnell, Belic, Taseski, Lazopoulos (Stojilovic 79), Tapal, Carroll, Lujic.

REFEREE: A. Kibbler.
CROWD: 963.

SOUTH TO FOLLOW YANNIS KOUROS!

SOUTH MELBOURNE extended dominance of the Southern Division for yet another week following a slender 2-1 win over Sunshine George Cross at Middle Park.

It was a day of excitement and emotion at Middle Park as Greek champion marathon runner Yannis Kouros, who created a new record in the Sydney to Melbourne run, turned up to kick off the game.

Club president Jim Diamantaris said before the game South Melbourne will follow in the footsteps of the golden Greek runner and win the 1985 Australian championship.

The game was an encounter of two contrasting halves, as South Melbourne dominated operations in the opening half during which they established a comfortable 2-0 lead.

Charlie Egan put South Melbourne in the lead after 17 minutes and midfielder Gary McDowell doubled the margin in the 41st minute.

George Cross reversed the tide in the second half and created a glut of scoring opportunities but these went begging because of the inability of their forward-line to finish.

Ossie Latif scored the consolation goal for George Cross in the 70th minute.

Two minutes before full-time referee Denis Voutsinas sent Gerry Bennett off the field for a tackle on Oscar Crino.

Man of the match: South Melbourne's **OSCAR CRINO** who grafted in the midfield throughout the day.

Heidelberg United keep on breathing down South Melbourne's neck, recording an upset 4-1 win over Preston.

The Bergers remain in second spot, one point behind the leaders.

Preston went into the lead after two minutes through Steve Smith but Heidelberg retaliated quickly with an equaliser from Stuart Stevenson.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Stevenson put Heidelberg into the lead in the 38th minute and Charlie Yankos made certain of their win in the 55th minute, successfully converting a penalty kick.

Stevenson scored his third goal four minutes before full-time to complete Heidelberg's convincing victory.

Brunswick Juventus also celebrated a comfortable 3-1 win over visiting Adelaide City.

A hat-trick by gifted forward Andrew Zinni gave them a 3-0 lead until the 65th minute when Peter Rankin scored Adelaide's City only goal.

In direct contrast, other Victorian NSL clubs Green Gully and Melbourne Croatia shared the points in an entertaining 0-0 draw.

One of the highlights of the action-packed game was the return to the Green Gully of left-back David Hogben, who was sidelined for a long period through injury.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC TIPPED FOR CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ANZAC DAY, Thursday afternoon, will see another battle take place at the St George Stadium, not Galipoli, when Sydney Olympic takes on the visiting Victorians, Preston, in the 1985 NSL Cup Final.

Sydney Olympic, Cup winners in 1983, despite some shaky results over the last three weeks, are favourites to keep the Cup within the NSW border following Newcastle's success last year.

The Cup has never been won by a Victorian side in its eight-year history.

Bill Murray's Preston side, currently sixth on the ladder in the Southern Division

of the NSL, have scored 11 goals but their defence has conceded an equal number.

Sydney Olympic, also sitting in sixth position in the Northern Division, have scored seven goals, conceding six.

Olympic should consider themselves extremely lucky Cup finalists, following very narrow escapes against Canberra City

Olympians and Newcastle Rosebud.

However, they still should have too many guns for Preston.

Preston's strength lies in their strike-line combination of Graham Heys, Gary Cole,

Steve Smith and Warren Spink and backed up by ball-playing midfielder Zoran Ilioski on the right and strong defenders George McMillan and Con Opatinas.

Preston will have on display their super 18-year-old goalkeeper — and a name to watch in future years — Philip Traianidis.

Big games must

come from Sydney Olympic's Marshall Soper, Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos, Martyn Rogers and Chris Kalantzis, if they expect to be victors.

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BIG EURO MATCH WON'T GO LIVE

THE second leg of the Panathinaikos v Liverpool European Cup semi-final in Athens will not be televised live on Thursday morning as previously announced by the SBS Network.

A wrangle developed last Friday afternoon over telecasting fees demanded by the Greek club.

Panathinaikos, walloped 4-0 by Liverpool in the first leg at Anfield, have exclusive television rights and were asking exorbitant fees for live telecasts from the major networks, Ert, BBC and SBS.

Average fees for top European clashes usually range from \$3,500 to \$5,000, but Panathinaikos wanted \$US20,000.

SBS was shocked by the fee demanded, as to put the match to air involves many other costs, including satellite rental which costs almost \$15,000 per hour.

SBS executive producer John Rowley said last night: "SBS tried very hard to secure this match live for Thursday morning, but the Greek soccer people demanded an arm and a leg for the fees. The BBC immediately rejected the coverage and we were left with no choice but to do the same."

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"SBS does everything possible to bring in the very best soccer events from all over the world for our viewers, but we are controlled by budgets and if the BBC could not afford the fees demanded, how could we?"

The match has only pure academic value as Liverpool are assured of a place in the Final just as Italy's Juventus seem to have guaranteed themselves the other Final berth following their solid victory over the Frenchmen from Bordeaux.

The European Cup Final of Liverpool v Juventus will be telecast live by SBS on May 18 direct from Rotterdam and presented by SBS's Les Murray.

Liverpool have a record of "played four, won four" in European Cup Finals.

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DUBIOUS DECISIONS UPSET NEWCASTLE

QUITE a few people left St George Stadium last Wednesday night with a sick feeling in their stomachs.

The sickest were probably the Newcastle Rosebud United players, who had just been knocked out of the NSL Cup by Sydney Olympic.

It wasn't because they were beaten, but the way they were beaten.

Two dubious penalties were awarded by the referee to change the scoreline from 2-0 in Newcastle's favour to 2-2.

Then Olympic scored a winning goal in time added on for stoppages, and the Rosebuds faced the long trip back to Newcastle.

The feeling in the Newcastle dressing room was one of resignation.

Recent meetings between coaches and referees in Sydney appear to have been a waste of time.

The same referee who officiated last Wednesday was recently quoted in ASW as saying that "the players are third class and it is difficult for first class referees to handle their games."

Perhaps the underlying problem, though, is with certain spectators.

Our view is that there will continue to be dubious decisions while crowds are placing intense pressure on referees.

It's a controversial theory, but maybe there is some credence in it.

For example, if Wednesday night's penalty incidents had gone the other way, the referee would have been lucky to get out of the ground alive.

Newcastle were also very annoyed by the actions of Olympic supporters behind Clint Gosling's goal in the second half.

Gosling twice left the penalty area to seek the assistance of the referee after having missiles thrown at him.

It was a repeat of incidents of last year when Tony Pezzano was pelted with drink cans and other projectiles during the NSL top five series.

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CHIT CHAT

TOUGH luck for St George as they try to climb the NSL table — their talented left-back **ROBBIE O'SHEA** is still not over the injury which has now kept him out of action for a year.

Coach **FRANK AROK** says: "Robbie is moving quite freely and the specialist says he will be all right, but I don't expect to see him in the team for another six weeks or so."

We are missing him more than anyone."

BLACKTOWN CITY defender **PAUL DALEY** had to find the patience of Job as he waited for the chance to claim a place in the Demons' defence after arriving from Penrith City.

Finally **CLIFF POINTER** obliged with an injury and Paul had a place in the team.

THERE wasn't a single Australian-born player in Parramatta Melita's starting line-up for their opening TNT Skypak League fixture against Warringah Narrabeen.

Ten of the 11 players are from Britain, while **RAY FARRUGIA** is Maltese.

Australians **DON ALLAN**, **LENNY VIAL** and **GREG MCCOY** are members of Melita's first team squad, but they were on the bench for the opening match.

SYDNEY CITY NSL striker **GRAEME FLETCHER** set a new club record recently.

In a youth match against Inter Monaro, Fletcher netted six goals in the Slickers' 8-0 win.

This stands as a new club record for Sydney City in both the Youth League and the first grade team since the inauguration of the NSL.

WALTER VALERI is expected to be out of the Inter Monaro side for quite a while after suffering a leg injury against Wollongong City.

Ironically, that was Valeri's first game back after a "strike" which also involved fellow Monaro strikers **BAZ GIAMPAOLO** and **TONY BRENNAN**.

ONE man who was not surprised when Penrith had their shock 1-0 win over Sydney City was Penrith coach **WILLIE WALLACE**.

"The team is playing with plenty of confidence. They created more chances than Sydney City," said Wallace.

"I'm not saying we'll win the competition but we'll give them all a chase for a top four spot," he added.

PARRAMATTA MELITA coach **MICK JONES** reckons he has a strong central defensive partnership in **COL MCAUSLAND** and **KENNY WILSON**.

Jones has placed the versatile McAusland at sweeper, and says: "He reads the game very well."

Stopper Wilson is club captain in his second season with the Eagles, and Jones said his dominance in the air belies his slim build.



COL MCAUSLAND: Melita sweeper.



JOHN MCKIE: Blacktown signing.

BRISBANE CITY coach **JIM HERMISTON** was in an unusual situation when the Queensland team played a trial last week.

Hermiston the state sweeper, was playing against his own side, which had been chosen as a trialhorse for **BRUCE STOWELL**'s Maroons.

"The match was good from my point of view," Hermiston said. "I could see how City performed against a good team and it gave me a run as well in preparation for the interstate game," he said.

IT was unusually quiet in the reserve box at West Adelaide.

West coach **NEIL MCGACHEY** didn't have his walkie-talkie to send instructions to his coaching staff on the bench.

He had to suffer in silence, and use a runner to relay his messages when the baggage steward forgot to pack the walkie-talkie.

IT is becoming increasingly clear that Australian soccer missed a gem when it allowed **TONY DORIGO** to get away to try his luck in England with Aston Villa.

Dorigo, in his debut season, has played many matches for Villa's first team and is well liked by the fans.

But his biggest achievement was to be listed among the top six "newcomers" in English football in the **SUNDAY PEOPLE** ratings.

It is a remarkably swift rise for the kid who was an unknown in his native South Australia.

In the **SUNDAY PEOPLE**'s ratings, Dorigo is listed alongside million dollar star newcomers like **GORDON STRACHAN** and **JESPER OLSEN** of Manchester United.

Incidentally, Melbourne journalist **LES SHORROCK** interviewed Dorigo for the NSL's new monthly magazine.

Shorrocks article contained the following tribute from Aston Villa manager **GRAHAM TURNER**: "He's a natural that boy. How many more have you got in Australia like him?"

IAN MCGREGOR has joined the 200 club. The tough little West Adelaide defender racked up his 200th NSL match last weekend against Brisbane City.

He joins **GRAHAM HONEYMAN**, his captain, and Adelaide City captain **BUGSY NYSKOHUS** who both recently hit the 200 mark.

However, McGregor is the baby of the trio — he's 29 while the other two are on the "wrong" side of 30.

A Scot, McGregor joined West when it was Hellas, as a 14-year-old junior from Elizabeth, and played his first senior game when he was 15 — as a winger.



ONE wonders what the score might have been in the recent Adelaide City-South Melbourne game if there had been the usual team of ball-boys in action.

With sheets of rain and pools of water the youngsters could not be blamed for not fronting up, but they were missed.

Olympic Sports Field features a running track round the soccer pitch and the players had to make particularly long trips to retrieve the ball, particularly at either end of the field.

Referee **TONY MARTELL** didn't add time on to allow for the "long walks" — and we don't blame him for that or we'd all still be there — but it would have been an interesting exercise to have clocked the time it took to collect the ball.

And it would have been interesting to see if someone could have scored in "extra time".

ALTHOUGH Blacktown City were relying on the addition of **ALEX BOTTALICO** to provide a regular forward-line along with **PHIL O'CONNOR**, **JOHN LARKIN** and **JOHN BRADLEY**, it did not turn out to be enough.

They dipped into the transfer market and paid \$4,000 to Parramatta Melita Eagles for **JOHN MCKIE**, who immediately showed out well on his first run for the Demons against Newcastle.



SYDNEY CROATIA start work on their new grandstand in a month and they're putting in a new floodlighting system within the next fortnight.

Club president **TONY BASIC** says: "The lights will be strong enough to satisfy colour television requirements."

It seems Croatia are aiming high and good luck to them.

By the way, they've also changed the name of their ground from King Tomislav Park to Croatian Sports Centre.



ADELAIDE CITY's chances of fielding former Glasgow Rangers' trialist **GRAHAM MCMILLAN** are fading.

With State League club Azzurri before he went to the AIS then to Scotland, the 19-year-old striker presumed he was a free player when he came back to Australia four weeks ago.

But Azzurri have claimed him as their player, and while willing to release him, want a transfer fee.

McMillan was playing for Motherwell reserves and was offered a contract before deciding to come home.



IAN MCGREGOR (left) shuts down Peter Sharpe.

Queensland v NSW Anzac Day battle



ALAN HUNTER: task of marking Soccerroo captain John Kosmina.

ALAN HUNTS FOR SOCCEROO SPOT

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS stopper Alan Hunter could be playing for Soccerroo selection when Queensland meets New South Wales at Perry Park on Thursday.

Hunter, 20, has been the most in-form player in the Sunshine State this season and national coach Frank Arok, who is coming to Brisbane for the match, has admitted the youngster is under consideration.

"If someone is playing well, then I would be an idiot not to include him in the national squad," Arok said.

Hunter, who has been outstanding for Lions this season, is expected to anchor the Maroons defence against the Blues — almost certainly marking Soccerroo captain John Kosmina.

But the former Acacia Ridge player is unperturbed by his task ahead.

CHANCE

"I realise this is my chance and I can't afford to play any less than excellently," Hunter said.

"But Soccerroo selection will not be my motivating force, only a possible bonus after the match. Bruce Stowell has demanded we respect the Maroon and I could not agree more. I will be playing for Queensland and playing to win," Hunter said.

Hunter is a former Queensland Youth player and was a member of last year's state side which lost 2-0 to NSW.

He marked Marshall Soper in that game, and the speedy Sydney Olympic striker got away on one occasion to score.

It is Hunter's speed that Arok will be closely watching on Anzac Day.

"I will be telling him to work on that aspect of his game, but I am very impressed with his defensive abilities," Arok said.

Hunter is a tough, bruising type who is rarely beaten in the air and would be an excellent back-up for Dave Ratcliffe and Steve O'Connor, particularly with South Melbourne's Steve Blair unavailable because of work commitments.

Arok also intends to watch Queensland full back Steve Jackson, whose early season form for Lions was faultless.

And the national coach has hinted that, like several young players he is viewing in the NSW team, if they don't make the national team now, they are still eligible for the next Olympic Games side.

FAULTLESS

"I am coming to Brisbane with an open mind and if I find one or two people capable of playing in the national team then I have done a great job," Arok said.

Queensland coach Stowell is delighted that Arok has finally agreed to attend the interstate clash and believes his presence will be a bonus for the maroons.

"It will really make the win worthwhile because it is the chance to prove a point," Stowell said.

Stowell believes at least five of his squad have legitimate claims for Soccerroo inclusion.

"If they play to their abilities then they must have a chance of being brought in at some stage. They have got to push now, if not for inclusion this time, then the next time. Most are still quite young enough," Stowell said.

CAPTAIN

Brisbane Lions captain John Stewart has been named to lead the Maroons.

Queensland played a trial against Brisbane City last week in preparation for the Anzac Day clash and Stowell sought to have the NSW side play with two central strikers. He believes this will be the way Vest will play his side.

The Queensland team also was under strict instructions to give away as few as free-kicks and corners.

Stowell believes NSW will be at their most dangerous from dead-ball situations.

"I am always worried about conceding free-kicks but this time they have two or three big fellows who will feature in everything. If we don't cause free-kicks then we don't have to defend them. And the same goes for corners.

"I would much prefer a player takes a bit of a risk to get the ball away rather than knocking it over the backline for a corner," he said.

NSW state coach Alan Vest previews the big match . . .

THIS TEAM WILL DO NSW PROUD

IT's been a hard job picking the NSW state squad because of not knowing who was going to figure in the NSL Cup Final.

That match is scheduled for the same day (Anzac Day) as the state game against Queensland in Brisbane.

It was only last Wednesday evening when Sydney Olympic eliminated Newcastle that Olympic players Graham Jennings, Chris Kalantzis, Marshall Soper and Peter Raskopoulos were no longer available for the team.

They are all fine players and will be a loss to the squad, however the final squad of 14 will I am sure do NSW proud.

It's a squad of youth and experience and another chance for even the experienced players to prove to Frank Arok that they're the ones for his national squad.

There's no doubt also that the Queensland squad members will be equally determined to prove to him that they should be considered.

I've coached both South Australian and Western Australian state teams and know that the players outside Sydney and Melbourne believe they have something to prove.

State games provide a rare chance for them.

I expect Queensland to be no exception, being really fired up for this one.

I'm sure with this being World Cup year that this will be a keen, competitive game well worth seeing by the Queensland public.

The final NSW squad is:

1. Terry Greedy (St George); 2. Gerry Gomez (Sydney City); 3. Dave Ratcliffe (St George); 4. Alec Robertson (Sydney City); 5. Arno Bertogna (Aple Leichhardt); 6. Vic Bozanic (St George); 7. Joe Watson (Sydney City); 8. Tommy McCulloch (Aple Leichhardt); 9. Jimmy Patikas (Sydney Croatia); 10. Wally Savor (Sydney Croatia); 11. Peter Tredinnick (Marconi); 12. Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia); 13. John Kosmina (Sydney City); 14. Grant Lee (Sydney City).

CROATIA TRIO GET CHANCE

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Patikas joined Croatia from Sydney



GRAHAM ARNOLD

Olympic for \$25,000 and he has quickly adapted to Croatia's European style of play.

Arnold, who has been a regular goalscorer in the opening weeks of the current season, will link up with Australian captain John Kosmina as NSW's two-pronged strike-force.

Other Soccerroos in the NSW team are goalkeeper Terry Greedy, central defenders Alec Robertson and Dave Ratcliffe and midfielders Tommy McCulloch and Joe Watson.

Versatile players

Gerry Gomez and Arno Bertogna are expected to claim the full-back positions.

RECOVERED

Other members of the travelling party are St George defender or midfielder Vic Bozanic, Marconi midfielder Peter Tredinnick and Sydney City striker Grant Lee.

Tredinnick has only just recovered from a knee injury and Vest will make a final check on his fitness at state training tomorrow night.

JOHN STEWART, the Brisbane Lions captain who will also lead Queensland, is tackled by Wollongong City defender Ray Vlietstra.



SWITCH HIGHLIGHTS GROUND DILEMMA

THE imminent arrival of Blacktown City guest player Kevin Keegan has highlighted one of Sydney's greatest problems.

Keegan is due to play two games for the Demons. This weekend he faces Canberra City at the Gabbie Stadium but in his second match Keegan will be on show at Marconi Stadium.

Blacktown secretary Peter Thorne says he is disappointed Keegan will not play both games at the Gabbie.

"It's been disap-

pointing switching our home game against Sydney Croatia to Marconi Stadium but where else could we play?

"The main reason we have changed venues is the anticipated huge crowd.

"I don't think about 13,000 supporters would be able to fit in the Gabbie Stadium," Thorne added.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

Australian soccer has a perfect chance to show the general Australian sporting public what sort of crowd-puller the game can be.

In recent newspaper articles, some scribes have slated soccer's crowds. Sure we mightn't get huge crowds to Wollongong, Newcastle or Monaro matches but what of the Croatias, Olympics and Prestons of the competition?

It's a pity there isn't a soccer stadium in Sydney that could accommodate 20,000 supporters — particularly in the western suburbs.

Thorne feels the time is right for the construction of a major soccer ground in the west of Sydney.

"You must realise there isn't any major sporting complex in the western suburbs which would be able to accommodate huge crowds.

"Soccer needs its own ground. Melbourne has a great venue while Sydney has to sit back and play second fiddle.

"Our club had no other option but to play the Sydney Croatia game at Marconi Stadium."

Blacktown's switch of venue was not entirely due to the ground being too small.

Local residents have complained several times about soccer fans causing car-parking chaos when the Demons play at home.

It even reached the stage recently when some people living near the ground threatened to lie down in the streets and dare motorists to run over them.

This problem caused Blacktown to have talks with the local council.

Thorne is certainly not unsympathetic to the problems of residents in the vicinity of the Gabbie.

He said: "It must be very upsetting when people cannot get into their own house drive-ways because some inconsiderate soccer spectators have parked there."

"In fact, some drivers don't just block up the driveway — they actually park in it."

It is not surprising that Thorne is leading a campaign to get better sporting facilities for the Blacktown area.

It's sad, though, that a club like Blacktown City has to take a super attraction like the match against Croatia away from its home ground.

KEEGAN AT ST GEORGE

KEVIN KEEGAN will be at the St George social club at Mortdale next Saturday night for a talk with all soccer supporters.

The "Keegan Night at St George" starts at 8pm.

Channel 0-28 stars, Les Murray and George Donikian, together with ASW's and DAILY MIRROR's Tommy Anderson, will be on a panel to monitor questions directed at the former Liverpool and England star.

Keegan, here in Sydney as a guest player for Blacktown City for two matches against Canberra City Olympians on Sunday and Sydney Croatia on Sunday week, will answer guests' questions.

All soccer fans wishing to meet and question this little English marvel should contact the St George BSC for tickets by ringing 579 6977 or 579 6843.

MOVES TO KEEP McINTOSH AT PENRITH CITY

BY BRAD EARL

PENRITH CITY are attempting to arrange sponsorship to fly big stopper Dave McIntosh from Melbourne every weekend.

McIntosh, 31, has received a job promotion to the position of Victorian state manager.

He told me he is prepared to travel up to play for Penrith, but he wants the matter finalised quickly.

Time is running out for the Panthers to arrange a sponsor for McIntosh.

He is scheduled to play his final game for Penrith City against Sydney Croatia on Sunday.

McIntosh will be a big loss to Penrith if negotiations are not successful.

He will be missed as much for his tremendous commitment and will-to-win as his ability to blot out opposition strikers.

Melbourne clubs Footscray and Green Gully showed interest in signing McIntosh, but they balked at the \$18,000 transfer fee placed on him by Penrith.



DAVE McINTOSH

CAMPERDOWN — WHERE SPORTS FOLK MEET!

IT's not surprising that Kevin Keegan and entourage are staying at the Camperdown Travelodge during their stay in Sydney.

This establishment calls itself "Sydney's Leading Sports Hotel" and for good reasons.

When England came to Australia for the Centenary International, Ron Greenwood and his players stayed at Camperdown.

Jimmy Shoulder stayed there with the 1978 World Cup squad and several teams in the 1981 World Youth Championship were billeted at Camperdown, including the winners West Germany and runners-up Qatar.

But soccer is only one of the sports attracted to this particular hotel.

Australia's Test cricketers stay there as do the rugby league Test players.

Throw in rugby union, athletics, boxing, swimming, basketball, hockey and even the Holden precision driving team — whatever that is — and it's obvious why Camperdown Travelodge calls itself Sydney's Leading Sports Hotel.

Kevin Keegan and his family should not be surprised if they meet sporting personalities like Imran Khan, Alex Hurricane Higgins, Jeff Fenech or Lisa Curry, all of whom are Camperdown customers.

Incidentally, the hotel recently appointed Craig McLatchey as a Sports and Recreation Co-ordinator.

Wouldn't you know ... Craig was in Australia's Youth soccer squad in 1981.

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MARADONA THE TOP FOREIGNER

ONE of the big mysteries of the Italian season is the comparative failure of some top Brazilian imports to deliver the goods.

It is no secret that Falcao (AS Roma) and Socrates (Fiorentina) have been a bitter disappointment to supporters of those clubs but they are not the only imports who have failed to impress.

But at least one high-priced foreigner has come good at last. In a recent poll, Argentina's Maradona was voted the best foreigner in Italy, with Brazil's Junior second best.

Junior has switched his position from left-back to midfield, an obvious move for such



MARADONA

a creative and artistic defender.

He is the main reason for Torino's unexpected successes this season.

OH MY OMAN!

OMAN has pulled out of all international matches until March 1986 — because of the national team's poor performances.

A fine of \$3,900 has been paid to FIFA after Oman conceded World Cup qualifying matches to Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Oman also withdrew from the World Youth Championship.

When Oman lost in the Gulf Cup to Saudi Arabia and in the Asian Cup to UAE, the whole national team was sacked and also its Brazilian coaches.

VASCO STARS WILL BE HERE

THERE was good news for Australian soccer fans last week when the Brazil squad was named for the World Cup elimination matches from June 2 to June 30.

For part of that time, Vasco Da Gama from Brazil will be playing in Australia.

Several of Vasco's players were in contention for the World Cup squad when Brazil decided not to call on its overseas mercenaries for the World Cup games against Bolivia and Paraguay.

However, national coach Evaristo only selected one Vasco player — midfielder Giovanni, who won the Golden Ball as the outstanding player and Golden Boot as top goalscorer at the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.

This means Vasco players full-back Donato, centre-forward Dinamite and goalkeeper Acacio are likely to tour Australia for the May-June tournament.

The only "name" player from Brazil's

1982 World Cup side selected in Evaristo's national squad is star left winger Eder.



GIOVANNI



PENCIL IN THE DATES

UEFA's executive committee is planning well ahead for the 1988 European Championships.

After deciding that West Germany would be the host country, UEFA released match dates.

The opening game will be in Dusseldorf on June 10 and West Germany will play in it.

June 25 is the date selected for the Final, which will be played at Munich's Olympic Stadium.

FEW BIG GROUNDS

IT has been predicted that crowd figures at next year's World Cup in Mexico will create a new record, but FIFA is doubtful.

The enthusiasm is there all right, but will the grounds be big enough?

Only two stadiums, both in Mexico City, can accommodate more than 70,000 spectators.

TELE TO STAY

TELE SANTANA, who at one time looked certain to return to his former position as coach of Brazil's World Cup team, is now likely to stay for another year in Saudi Arabia.

Tele could not get an early release from Saudi's Al Ahli club to take over the Brazilian job and that's when Evaristo was appointed.

Free of national team worries, Santana is expected to take up the one-year option on his Al Ahli contract, enduring the "hardship" of living in the Middle East for which he is paid an enormous salary.

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ARGENTINE coach Carlos Bilardo has called up several of his overseas stars for World Cup preliminaries.

But Bilardo stated the only one certain of his place was Maradona, now playing well for Napoli in Italy.

Australian Soccer



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DEMON KEV!

KEEGAN WILL SHAKE THIS CITY

Profile
BY BRAD EARL



KEVIN KEEGAN will be the biggest star to appear in Australia's National League so soon after retiring from top-class football.

Blacktown City pulled off a coup when they secured Keegan for two NSL games. Bobby Charlton, who played for Blacktown and Newcastle a few years ago, and George Best, who guested for Brisbane Lions, are the only players to match Keegan's great record, but they were many years past their best when they played here.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE ... DAUGHTER!



LAURA KEEGAN shows her neat touch on the ball — obviously inherited from her famous dad! Kevin's daughter, pictured in a Southampton shirt, will accompany her parents to Sydney. Laura is a tough little girl, having come close to death as a seven-month-old baby with pneumonia and whooping cough. But that's all behind her now

After only two seasons in the north-east city, Keegan was hero-worshipped by the fanatical Newcastle supporters.

He also had a tremendous influence on the young Newcastle players ... like present England squad member, Chris Waddle.

"He transformed the place," Waddle said, "fired up the fans and players, lads like me who never dreamed we would play alongside a star we'd watched on TV."

Keegan engendered the same enthusiasm in his spells with Liverpool, West German Bundesliga club Hamburg, Southampton and England.

August 14, 1971, was the date Keegan burst onto the English First Division scene with a blistering performance for Liverpool in front of 50,000 unsuspecting Anfield fans.

Keegan had been signed by the astute Liverpool manager, the late Bill Shankly, from Fourth Division Scunthorpe.

It wasn't long before he earned his first cap for England against Wales in 1973.

He scored 21 goals in 63 matches for England, giving him a great average of one goal every three games.

Keegan won several personal honours in his career: English Footballer of the Year 1975-76, European Footballer of the Year in consecutive years 1978 and '79, and English Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year 1981-82.

In that season he also finished as leading goalscorer in First Division with 26 goals for Southampton.

Keegan decided to join Southampton

when his contract with Hamburg expired instead of accepting Italian and Spanish offers.

He explained his motivation for returning to England as a desire to help his country win the 1982 World Cup.

Of course, that did not happen and the England skipper only played for 20 minutes in Spain due to a back injury.

Keegan's courage, drive and appetite for the game have set a tremendous example throughout the world.

Mick Channon, who had two short spells with now-defunct Newcastle KB United, played with Keegan with Southampton and England.

"I could never have worked at the game the way Kevin Keegan and Peter Shilton have," Channon says.

"I've known both to stay behind after the other lads have finished training to work on something. That would bore me to tears."

Critics have always said Keegan's hard work makes up for what have been described as "average skills."

In fact Keegan's assessment of himself is a modest one.

"I'm a bit of a manufactured footballer," he explained during his spell with Southampton.

"As a small man I've got there through will — desperation if you like. I grind down the fellow who's marking me."

"I go to run past him and the first four times he may stop me. On the fifth he's tiring but I go on — six, seven, eight. I wear 'em down."

Yet others quickly sing the praises of Keegan.

"I've had one or two people question his skill. What on earth do

they want?," said Ron Ashman, manager of Scunthorpe where Keegan began his career.

"His control, passing and heading are brilliant, and he does them all with imagination, bravery and, above all, pace. And he scores goals."

Ron Greenwood, England manager from 1977-82, selected Keegan as skipper of the national team.

"As a captain, Kevin is ideal, taking responsibility and motivating others by personally setting

high standards. He is a manager's delight," Greenwood said.

What has endeared Keegan most to football fans throughout the world is his down-to-earth attitude and compassionate nature.

He never forgets, as a child in Doncaster, standing outside the local football ground, a tiny, lone figure in drizzling rain.

A favourite player emerged but rushed past, unable to take the time to sign an autograph for Keegan, who as a star in his own right later declared: "I'd never want

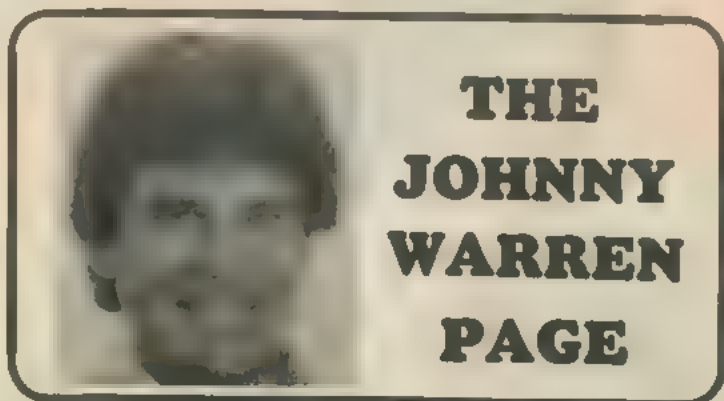
a kid to feel how I felt."

Blacktown City have spent \$12,000 to secure Keegan for two games — the sort of money that would buy them a very good player on the Australian transfer market.

The Demons are sure they've backed a winner, and no further proof is needed than the words of the late, great Liverpool manager, Bill Shankly.

"Kevin's record is a fairytale," Shankly said. "He's made more out of football than any other player and all of it honestly, with integrity."

BANK BACKS SCHOOLBOYS KNOCK-OUT



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AUSTRALIA's leading corporation, the Commonwealth Bank, announced a \$20,000-plus sponsorship of Australia's premier schoolboy soccer event.

The Bank will back the NSW Combined High Schools' state-wide knock-out cup for the fourth successive season.

By its continued involvement, the Commonwealth Bank's sponsorship becomes one of the most significant in Australian soccer.

Leading Australian coaches will be involved in the deal by providing a series of coaching seminars throughout NSW.

The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup is contested by over 280 NSW state high schools.

Sydney's Epping High School took out the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup for the first time last year when they beat Central Coast's Henry Kendall High in the final.

Many of Australia's leading stars have passed through the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, including Liverpool's Australian star Craig Johnston.

Young Socceroo and St George star Peter Petkovski was a member

of Kogarah High's winning team in 1983.

Past winners of the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup have been:

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- 1967 Booragul
- 1968 Newcastle Tech
- 1969 Booragul
- 1970 Berkeley
- 1971 Meadowbank
- 1972 Newcastle Tech
- 1973 Newcastle Tech
- 1974 Wallsend
- 1975 Wallsend, Booragul (shared)
- 1976 Bankstown
- 1977 Canterbury
- 1978 Normanhurst
- 1979 Normanhurst
- 1980 Woonona
- 1981 Kiera
- 1982 Marsden
- 1983 Kogarah
- 1984 Epping



COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS' Greg McNaught (second left) and Commonwealth Bank public relations officer Allen Turnbull show off the 1985 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup with national coach Frank Arok (left) and St George and Australian Youth player Peter Petkovski, who played for 1983 Cup winners, Kogarah.



WIN THREE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY offers young readers the chance to win scholarships to the JOHNNY WARREN SOCCEROO ACADEMY at Gold Creek Homestead, Canberra, during the forthcoming school holidays.

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AS part of the superb James Hardie Industries involvement with Canberra City Olympians for the forthcoming two seasons, the leading Australian corporate giant has produced 10,000 team photos and 10,000 posters for distribution to schools in the ACT.

The poster features Australia's NSL Youth Player of the Year for 1984, Manis Lamond, whilst the team photos highlight the NSL and Youth teams of Canberra City Olympians.

On the reverse side of the team pictures is space for signatures as well as the draw for the season.

The posters and the team photos will be distributed when all of Canberra City Olympians first team squad visits every primary school in the ACT in the forthcoming two weeks.

Institute boys have major challenges ahead

SHOULDER ARMS YOUTH AT AIS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Australian Institute of Sport is looming larger in the eyes of ambitious young Australian soccer players.

The linking up of the Young Soccerroos with the Institute under coach Jim Shoulder is just another reason why the AIS is beckoning to them.

And, to top that off, eight of the present Young Soccerroo squad have been studying and improving their football there.

Goalkeepers Paul Jones and Mirko Runje, defenders Rob Hooker, Andrew Bernal and Michael McLennan, midfielder David Sharpe and strikers Lou Hristodoulou and Sean Ingham have all been at the Institute.

This is a big turnaround from the Young Soccerroos of 1979, 1981 and 1983 who came from club ranks.

INVITATION

The 1979 team went as far as Paraguay. In 1981 Australia staged the tournament, which had begun on an invitation basis in Tunisia four years previously.

On that occasion

Mark Koussas and Ian Hunter goalied to give Australia a 2-1 win over reigning world champions Argentina.

And Australia only went out 1-0 to the deserved ultimate champions West Germany in a thrilling match at Bruce Stadium, Canberra.

In 1983 Australia had to win Oceania and then handle Costa Rica and Israel in Costa Rica.

AMBITIONS

This they did and then in Finals they started by drawing 1-1 with hosts Mexico before an electrifying 110,000 crowd in Mexico City.

They handled Scotland, Europe's champions, 2-1, but bowed out by the same score to the surprise-package South Koreans.

Previously in charge of the Australian teams were Rudi Gutendorf (1979) with Joe Vlasits as his assistant, and Les Scheinflug (1981 and 1983), assisted by Raul Blanco.

Now it is Shoulder's turn, with the Austra-

lians qualifying to play in the USSR in a tournament that begins on August 24 and ends on September 7.

For those with ambitions to play for Australia in future, the AIS is providing some great opportunities.

Many of the Australian Under 23 team who did far better than anticipated against Asian international opposition in the last Merlion Cup in Singapore were straight out of AIS ranks and well under age.

The eight listed above went straight into the Australian Youth team and those that are still with the AIS receive an additional bonus.

Shoulder will take the AIS team to Europe's major club tournament in Holland.

Held in the city of Groningen from May 24/28, it will provide stiff opposition for the Aussies.

The Dutch, Czech and East German Youth teams have entered although they may be a few players

down where leading clubs from their own countries have entered.

Also in the running will be Celtic and Queens Park Rangers amongst a host of others. Ajax won the series last season and Everton have won twice previously.

INTAKE

All the current World Youth Championship players have to be born after August 1, 1985, which means they are under 20 at the time of the matches.

The AIS has had its latest intake so some 12 of the Australians in Holland will be 17-year-olds.

That handicaps them considerably. However, Shoulder is looking for players born after August 1 1967 for his next squad to aim for the 1987 Finals.

What a tremendous opportunity for the lads to learn more of their sport and then look ahead to winning their places in the following Australian WYC teams.

One player who can keep looking ahead with confidence is Lou Hristodoulou.

Although used as central striker in the

Oceania WYC games, he has all-round capabilities and qualifies by age for the 1987 series.

PROGRESS

In 1983 block-busting midfielder Jim Patikas went to Mexico after having played in Australia in 1981.

If you are the right age and looking to progress, then the idea is to do well at club, representative and then state level.

Coach Shoulder with assistant Ron Smith comes into the picture and checks you out at the Under 16 and then the Under 18-19 Talent Identification camps.



JIM SHOULDER: the man who will take Australia's team to the World Youth Championship Finals in the USSR later this year.



DAVID SHARPE (right) in action for Australia against Israel during the WYC qualifying series.



YOUTH team captain Andrew Bernal climbs high to head the ball. Bernal is a product of the AIS.

WHAT A FEAST FOR SOCCER CONNOISSEURS!

BY TOM ANDERSON

AUSTRALIA's soccer fans are in for feast of international fare this year that should satisfy the appetite of even the most fastidious connoisseur of the round-ball game.

The teams who will be visiting these shores are star-studded outfits with pedigrees beyond reproach.

This carnival of international soccer will start with the visit of Vasco Da Gama, of Brazil, Udinese, from Italy, and Spurs, from England, for the \$200,000 tournament in May-June, followed by another such glamour event in August.

Probable starters are Arsenal, of England, Panathinaikos, of Greece, and Red Star, of Yugoslavia.

This is real top-line stuff and not your usual mediocre diet!

SPICE

To add some spice to the menu, the brilliant People's Republic of China team will come here to defend the International Ampol Cup. This visit will really satisfy the tastebuds of any local gourmet.

The main course of this wonderful soccer banquet will be the World Cup qualifying rounds against the "Auld Enemy" New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan and then hopefully Spain, Wales or Scotland.

And hopefully what better to top off this little lot than a glass of vintage Mexican tequila in preparation for our visit there with the Soccerroos for the 1986 World Cup Finals!

While this is all going on at home, our national Youth and Under 16 teams will be off to do their bit in the World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Cola-Cup in Russia and the U16 World Championship in China.

Who said soccer in this country at international level isn't progressing?

With such a star-studded menu before them, the big question being asked by the fans is: How is national coach Frank Arok and his Soccerroos

going to deal with the situation?

Obviously it would be ridiculous for our shrewd national coach to divulge any of his plans at this stage as there seem to be "spies" everywhere these days especially helping the opposition Israel and New Zealand.

BARE

These fifth columnists with thick accents are under the false impression they are working "undercover" but the fact is their cover is about as bare as Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

In fact, their activities could not be likened to that of the CIA, KGB, ASIO or any other well known spying organisation, but more of a NBG set-up!

However, with such a situation existing, I decided not to ask coach Arok to divulge his plans, but instead give my own opinion how our team will play.

Maybe it will be on the ball, maybe it will be well wide of the mark — only time will tell!

My opinion is that the spirit of the counter-attack will prevail in the Soccerroo set-up for most of the big games during the coming months.

Counter-attacking football is a style that this present Australian team is good at and its proficiency has been proved in combat.

In fact it's our main strength in the international arena.

We have always been good defenders and with a limited possession of the ball we do well in attack and midfield.

It's when we have superior possession of the ball that we get into trouble and this is why we are better suited to the counter-attacking style.

To play counter-attacking football takes players who have the highest standard of fitness to utilise their natural skills.

A team must play with energy and dynamism — something which our team can do.

Also, to play a counter-attacking game the players must have confidence in their own ability — something that Arok has already installed into his squad.

IMPORTANCE

To succeed in this style takes super-fit players willing to run for 90 minutes.

Obviously the climate has a big bearing on such tactics and this is where Australia's good preparation for the World Cup qualifying games will be of the utmost importance.

Apart from New Zealand, who cannot play other than the kick-and-rush game, all the teams the Soccerroos will meet will put more on the ball than they do on physical exertion.

In such a situation we must not be lulled into a false position of doing likewise as it's just not our game and not our style.

To meet top opposition without knowing where you are going to confront them when playing the counter-attacking style is just not on.

Nobody realises this better than Arok, as his already bulging dossiers on the opposition prove.

To play the counter-attacking game takes discipline — and plenty of it.

Not only team discipline but a great helping of personal discipline from each player in the Soccerroo set-up.

In the past against the might of England, Juventus of Italy, Manchester United, Arsenal, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers, to name a few, the Soccerroos have shown they have the ability to succeed while playing counter-attacking soccer.

By the time the World Cup qualifying games come around at the end of the year, the Soccerroos will be even more adept to the system — a winning system.

And when it's all over, let's hope we can all sit back and relax and get ready for that other big banquet — in Mexico in '86!

KREFT FENDS OFF KNIVES

BY TOM MCKAIN

IT didn't take long for the "Sack Kreft" brigade to get to work on the Adelaide City coach after five games without a win.

The word was that a meeting had already been held and he would be out if Adelaide did not beat champion South Melbourne in the sixth round.

The result was a 2-2 draw and Adelaide president Charlie Caruso immediately squashed the rumour mongers.

"We have no intention of sacking Kreft. We have never discussed his possible sacking and we won't be holding any meetings to discuss his coaching job," said Caruso.

"We usually ignore rumours about coaches and players, but this one became so strong we had to make a statement.

"I even had two people talking to me as if a decision had been made.

"From what I've seen of the matches so far, the coach can do nothing once the players take the field.

"Unfortunately they are doing more to beat themselves than the opposition."

He was referring to the team leading 2-0 at Preston then losing four goals in the last 15 minutes, then the 2-2 draw with South after leading 1-0 and 2-1.

"Certainly we lost a player ordered off against South, but I've seen teams win with 10 men, and certainly 10 men should be able to hold out for 20 odd minutes," said Caruso.

"While I feel sorry for Neville Flounders who was ordered off, he should never have allowed himself to be goaded into a red card situation."

Despite their lowly position, Kreft is still predicting Adelaide City will make the top five.

"We can only get better," he said.

"Our players have what it takes and all we need is one confidence — boosting win to set us on our way.

"We will make the five — if we can keep clear of injury and suspensions."

INDOOR SOCCER

WALKER LEADS WORLD-RATED AUSTRALIANS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUSTRALIAN indoor soccer captain Alan Walker is one step away from creating history.

Walker has captained and coached the Australian team on different occasions during the past three years but in 1985 he will face his biggest test.

Walker retained his captaincy during the recent Australian Championships in Canberra and will lead the Australian team at the World Championships later this year in Spain.

"We've been invited solely on our recent performances on the international scene," he said.

"What a lot of people don't realise is that in 11 overseas tours since 1982 for different age-groups only one has returned to Australia as losers."

On the field Walker possesses a distinct winning trait and a will to succeed. His strong commitment to the indoor game has seen his home state South Australia emerge as one of the leading in the country.

In 1982, Walker was selected in the Australian team which successfully won the inaugural Trans-Tasman Cup against New Zealand and in the following year led Australia to a memorable victorious two week tour of the USA.

Last November, Walker was unanimously elected captain-coach of the Australian team which toured New Zealand.

Australia won a close series against a Kiwi side that was flooded with national outdoor players.

"It was a great performance from the players," he said.

"We only had a squad of 14 and had to play 12 games in six days.

"It was a great tour and the spirit and approach from the players was terrific."

Walker is confident Australia will perform well at the World Cup against some stiff opposition — particularly from a few of the South American countries.

"The experience we have gained during the past couple of seasons has put us in good stead for the future," he said.

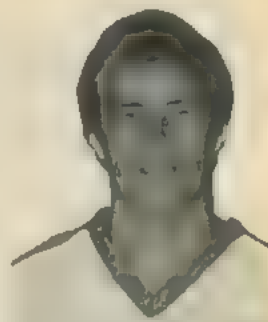
"Sure we will find a number of countries difficult to play against but we have encountered the same problems on previous tours and have returned as victors."

The Australian team will be coached by popular Victorian Soccer identity John Majors.

The biggest problem the Australians will face is a change of rules and different indoor conditions. Walker sees no problems with the team changing its style.

"We'll be playing Futbol de Saloon, a South American version of the indoor game," Walker said.

"We won't be play-



ALAN WALKER: Australian coach.



JOHN MAJORS: manager.

ing with walls and we'll be using a much smaller ball.

"I don't see why we can't adjust our style. We've done it before on other tours."

Alan Walker, a hard worker for the indoor code, says if the Australian side can maintain their dedicated approach and will to win they will make opposing sides sit up and take notice at this year's World Championships in Spain.

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	1st	2nd	3rd
Manly Warringah v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	4-1	3-0
Fairy Meadow v Rockdale Ilinden	3-0	4-2	3-0
Uruguay Auburn v Cant-M Ville Oly	3-3	1-2	0-0
Avala v Sutherland Shire	2-2	1-1	3-1
Polonia v Parramatta Melita Eagles	1-3	1-8	0-8
Bankstown National v Warringah N'been	0-1	0-6	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutherland	3	2	1	0	7	2	5
Avala	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Fairy Meadow	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Parramatta Melita	2	1	1	0	7	1	3
Manly Warringah	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Canterbury-M'ville	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
Rockdale Ilinden	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Uruguay Auburn	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Warringah N'been	3	1	0	2	1	8	2
Bankstown National	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Polonia	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Artamon v Wollongong Macedonia	0-2	1-3	5-0
Queens Park v Penrith United	6-1	4-1	0-4
Campbelltown City v Gladesville Hornsby	3-1	0-2	3-0
Yugal v Canterbury Dist	7-0	3-0	1-1
Blacktown United v North Bankstown	1-0	1-0	1-2
Bathurst '75 v Dee Why Swans	1-1	0-2	1-2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown United	3	3	0	0	10	0	6
Campbelltown City	3	3	0	0	6	2	6
Queens Park	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
W'gong Macedonia	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Yugal	3	1	1	1	10	4	3
Dee Why	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Gladesville Hornsby	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
North Bankstown	3	1	0	2	3	3	2
Bathurst '75	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Artamon	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Penrith United	3	0	1	2	3	9	1
Canterbury Dist	3	0	0	3	1	18	0

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Baulkham Hills v Kingsford	2-2	3-0	8-3
Port Hacking v Mt Druitt Town	1-1	1-0	2-0
King Tomislav v Moorebank L'pool	2-1	1-2	1-4
Rooty Hill v Bondi Marine	1-3	1-2	1-4
Campbelltown Gunners v Granville District	2-1	2-1	0-5
University of NSW v North Ryde RSL	1-2	0-3	0-0

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Ryde	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Kingsford	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Bondi Marine	3	1	2	0	7	5	4
Moorebank L'pool	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
King Tomislav	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
C'belltown Gunners	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Baulkham Hills	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Port Hacking	3	1	1	1	2	7	3
Uni of NSW	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Rooty Hill	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Mt Druitt Town	3	0	1	2	4	11	1
Granville Dist	3	0	0	3	6	9	0

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Spanish Club v CSI Schofields	2-1	0-1
Nineveh Eagles v West Park	1-2	0-1
Sydney University v West St George	3-4	2-1
Lane Cove United v Eastwood St Andrews	1-1	0-8
Hurstville Zagreb v Padstow Park	0-3	2-4

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Macarthur v Concordia	0-3	2-1
Pagewood v Trasandinos Sports	4-2	aband
Chelsea v Hawkesbury Dist	1-2	2-1
Green Valley v Macquarie Uni	1-1	1-4
Chile Sports v Wentworth	2-1	1-0
Liverpool City v Maroubra	1-0	5-0

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Concord Juniors v Rosebery	1-1	2-6
Blacktown Wands v WELCOME Sports	1-4	1-6
Dulwich Hill v Robins	8-1	3-1
Sydney Maccab v Smithfield	4-0	3-0
Chullora v Haberfield B/D's	3-1	3-1
Rangers Hadjib		

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Colo Colo v Castle Hill	0-2	4-1
Greenland v Jacintho United	4-0	4-2
Petersham Lusitanos v Macedonia Yagoona	2-1	0-1
Napean Rovers v Blacktown Workers	4-1	2-3
Lithgow Workmens v Argentinian Ltd	0-1	0-0
Lansvale United v Murray Farm Rangs	1-1	2-3

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Fairfield Athletic v Luddenham Croatia	0-0	0-0
Columbian v Hellas Poseidon	4-4	2-4
Abruzzi v Crescent Star	1-2	not played
Highlands v Santiago Wands	2-2	2-1
Cyprus United v Anai	8-1	3-2

KU-RING-GAI DEFENCE STOOD TALL

THE back-four of the Ku-ring-gai outfit certainly led the way against the Dudley Fox-inspired Manly attack in a 1-1 TNT Skypak League draw at Cromer Park.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The combination of Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram and Watson were practically immovable leaving Manly's front-runners empty-handed on all but one occasion.

Dennis Ford's side paid dearly for their lion-hearted effort, when Brian Ellem, Ku-ring-gai's scheming midfielder, was carried off with an agonising ankle injury, continuing the amazing spate of ankle injuries at the club.

Manly took the initiative early and continually attacked the opposition through live-wire midfielder Jimmy Campbell.

Manly's lone success came at the 35th minute when full back Wayne Pierce chipped a shot from outside the penalty box, the ball took a deflection and went into the top right hand corner.

Utilising the driving wind at their backs, Ku-ring-gai knuckled down to play some constructive football. They went close on a few occasions, Kevern rattling the post with a drive in the 58th minute and Bobby McKeegan having a shot well saved by Ian Barker.

However, 16 minutes into the second half McKeegan put youngster David Bennett through with a "peach" of a pass; the midfielder charged away only to be brought crashing to ground by Ashley Williamson inside the area. Referee Tim Davies had no hesitation in awarding the penalty.

Goldsworthy's conversion of the penalty was a signal for Manly to come out of their defensive mode and search for the winner.

This is when Ku-ring-gai's defence was asked the ultimate question: "Were they a class defensive outfit?" They answered in the best way possible, by repelling all Manly had to offer.

In the hectic final 20 minutes, keeper David Curtis excelled, pulling off some brilliant point-blank saves.

In the end, the match summation would be that Manly failed to assert their authority and in doing so spurned a point and Ku-ring-gai's defence earned them a point.

Man of the match: in a blanket finish, young **DAVID CURTIS** the Ku-ring-gai keeper pipped Manly's Jimmy Campbell and Dudley Fox. Curtis was very sound under all pressure and never let his side down.

MANLY: Barker, Williamson, Pierce, J. Dick, Foy, Pagano, Steven, Campbell, Murray (Doyle 83), Fox (Stuart 83), Leak.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Bennett, Sutherland, Quigley, Ellem (Hunter 45), Nile, McKeegan.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE SHARKS would certainly have been at home yesterday in the water-logged conditions at Knight Park, but Avala displayed their free-styling prowess to hold John Lavin's side to a 2-2 draw.

In conditions befitting a game of water polo, both sides played with total commitment, something that the foolhardy weather-braving supporters appreciated.

It was even-stevens from go-to-woe. Craig Hall, Sutherland's striker, had a few opportunities and showed his obvious class with his finishing. He ended the scoring at the 76th minute to earn the draw.

Avala held the whip-hand with a goal five minutes before the break through Atlagic. His effort was nullified by Richard Tasker 14 minutes into the second half and John Lembrak got his first goal of the season six minutes later.

For Avala, goalkeeper Barry Thurlow was in sparkling form. Other notable performances were from Ben Divani and once again John Lembrak and Nigel Groom for Sutherland.

AVALA: Thurlow, Jordan, Dobson, Lembrak, Divani, Lucchesi, Atlagic (Brown 75), Jeffrey, Tracey, Cunniff, Andersen (Bratkovic 75).

SUTHERLAND: Darr, Nelson, Terry, Ashford, Dallorno, Tasker, Groom, Harrington, Rogers, Hall, Gray.

URUGUAY AUBURN produced a barnstorming finish to cut Canterbury-Marrickville down in the dying stages to turn a 3-0 deficit into a respectable 3-3 draw.

If this had been horse racing and not football, Canterbury would have been hauled into the steward's office for a thorough dressing down over failing to run the race right out!

Although, to give credit where it is due, Canterbury were to play over an hour with only 10 men.

Full-back John Karaspyros was shown the red card for allegedly striking an opponent in retaliation.

Goals by Silva, Dounis and Borges had Uruguay in all sorts of trouble with only half of the second half remaining.

But Uruguay rallied and drew level through the efforts of Arbello, Hastie and Oshana.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Efthimiadis, Pena, Ortega (Pettas), Silva, Agnastopoulos, Dounis (Fternatias), Borges, Kirwan.

URUGUAY: Rosano, Jones, Folladosa, Hastie, Krislovic, J. Fernandez, Arbello (Manezes), Cuba, Oshana, Rodas, Pagano (Carrizzo).

In a battle between the lowly teams of the State League, Warringah Narrabeen defeated Bankstown National by the odd goal, 1-0.

This match was punctuated by some questionable decisions from the officials as Bankstown went all out for the equaliser towards the end.

Bankstown's skilful ball players continually flaunted their class with endless waltzes through the Warringah defence only to end on the floor. Many "falls" were of a theatrical nature but in the midst of all the dives there may have been a legitimate claim or two.

Ken Sorge settled the issue a minute after the break.

In a game of wasted opportunities, Parramatta Melita Eagles defeated a gallant Polonia 3-1.

Melita were not at

all impressive, especially in the first 45 minutes. In fact Polonia were first on target when Richard Lasek hit home.

Lasek undid his good early work when Alec Jamieson scored, he delivered the Melita midfielder with an inch perfect pass.

Polonia's keeper Anderson turned on a blinder saving his side with monotonous regularity. Ray Farrugia in particular was denied on no less than four occasions.

Barry Walker returned into a goalscoring frame of mind by cracking Melita's remaining two goals.

MELITA: Popovao, O'Rourke, McAusland, Wilson, McPherson, Jamieson (Allan), Farrugia, Griffiths, Laing, Henman, Walker.

POLONIA: Anderson, A. Colusso, Quyn Chau, Lasek, Sobczyk, D. Colusso, Mahamah, Pop, Janic.

FAIRY MEADOW continued their fine record by down-

ing Rockdale Ilinden comprehensively 3-0 at Corrimal.

Led by Glen Fontana at the front, John Fleming's men did a neat and efficient job on the Sydneyiders.

Two goals in a four-minute spell by Phil Mowbray and Fontana shortly before half-time set Fairy Meadow on their winning way.

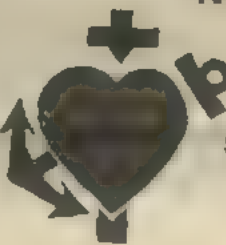
Rockdale had only themselves to blame as defensive lapses continually let danger men such as Fontana, Baker and Robert Giraldi in.

With barely seconds remaining Giraldi fashioned the finish in style with a dynamic free-kick. With a pre-rehearsed move, four players touched the ball before Giraldi rattled the ball home.



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TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

THURSDAY APRIL 25:

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v MELITA EAGLES JENSEN OVAL

SATURDAY APRIL 27:

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v MANLY W'GAH HURSTVILLE OVAL

WARRINGAH NARRABEEN v POLONIA NARRABEEN F/C

SUNDAY APRIL 28:

CANTERBURY-M'VILLE v FAIRY MEADOW ARLINGTON OVAL

KU-RING-GAI v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL PARKLANDS OVAL

SUTHERLAND v URUGUAY AUBURN SEYMOUR SHAW PK

MELITA EAGLES v AVALA MELITA STADIUM

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY APRIL 27:

Canterbury and Dist v Queens Park

Blick Oval

SUNDAY APRIL 28:

Penrith Utd v Campbelltown City

Cook Park

Gladesville Hby v Bathurst 75

Pioneer Park

Dee Why v Artamon

Cromer Park

Nth Bankstown v SSC Yugal

Potts Park

W'gong Macedonia v Blacktown Utd

Berkeley S/G

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY APRIL 27:

Bondi Marine v Port Hacking

Waverley Oval

SUNDAY APRIL 28:

Granville Dist v King Tomislav

Garside Park

Moorebank L'pool v Rooty Hill

Hammondville Park

Mt Druitt Town v Uni of NSW

Popondetta Park

Kingsford v C/town Dist

Turrulwul Park

North Ryde RSL v Baulkham Hills

North Ryde Oval

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

SATURDAY MAY 4:

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v POLONIA JENSEN PARK

SUNDAY MAY 5:

FAIRY MEADOW v SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL PARK,

CORRIMAL

MANLY W'GAH v CANTERBURY-M'VILLE CROMER PARK

KU-RING-GAI v ROCKDALE ILINDEN PARKLANDS OVAL

URUGUAY AUBURN v MELITA EAGLES MONA PARK

AVALA v WARRINGAH NARRABEEN KNIGHT PARK No 4

JUNIOR SCENE

Compiled by
Keith Gilmour

ACT SETS STANDARDS



THERE was more than the usual ring of confidence when the ACT Soccer Federation kicked off for the 1985 season.

Never have the seniors and the juniors been better organised.

And the position of the whole enterprise has been gathered into one 56-page booklet in which all the information that could be possibly wanted has been assembled.

Officials, playing regulations, the ACT Academy of Soccer, Canberra City Olympians' games, referees, coaches' association and McDonalds Superskill details are all right there in print.

From the ACT Football League, through the amateur Canberra League to the juniors, the ACT will field over 7,000 players this season.

Last year the village of Captains Flat made its entry into the competitions.

This season the Under 15 representative team from the Southern Highlands Association at Goulburn are joining in order to improve the level of play.

The prestigious Football League competition is run over three grades. The main game is at 3pm, reserves at 1pm and Under 19 at 11am.

Included with the Canberra clubs is Griffith City from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, which plays on the Yoolagali ground at Griffith.

The large number of juniors belong to 24 local clubs and their competitions are well organised indeed.

Mini-soccer for children from 7-10 years was introduced five seasons ago. The idea is to

develop skills in small children, both male and female, by increasing their contact with the ball.

Belnorth fields no fewer than 64 teams in these competitions.

Under 10 teams have the choice of playing under "differential rules", where proper small pitches are used compared with the mini's nine-a-side across the fields.

Junior soccer covers Under 11 and 12 grades and then premier youth and youth soccer takes over.

These grades have competitions in U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17-19. The U16 was formed as a competition of its own to improve the level of soccer for the boys involved.

ASW can only congratulate the ACT in issuing such concise information to all concerned in football and the media.

The standard of the job is so high that all associations in the game could examine the presentation to their advantage.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP RESULTS

ROUND 1
MUSWELLBROOK 4 (J. Gibney 3, A. Hunt 1) d SCONE 1 (own goal).
Best players:
M. Brook, Jamie Gibney, Paul Caldwell, David Holles.

MT DRAUTT 3 (D. Cutajar 2, C. Ferguson) d MUIRFIELD 2.
Best players:
Mt Druitt: Darren Cutajar, Chris Hawkins, David Kerrigan.
MALVINA 6 (Stephen Capper 2, Robert Zappa 2, Grant Clinch, Mark Stamopoulos) d PITTSWATER 1 (Scott Vandenberg).



NORMANHURST players show what it is all about on the school oval.

NORMANHURST TO SHAKY ISLES

AS befitting a school that numbers Socceroos Murray Barnes and Rob Wheatley amongst its former students, Normanhurst Boys High School has another soccer project in hand.

The school soccer team is off to New Zealand in the May holiday break for five or six matches in the North Island.

Included in the itinerary will be matches against North Island champions Kelston and their nearest rivals Westlake.

In charge of the Normanhurst squad will be John McDonald, who coached the school to success in the Commonwealth Bank (then Tasman) Soccer Cup in both 1978 and 1979.

Only the then Newcastle Tech and Wallsend High Schools have also managed to win the Cup in successive seasons apart from Normanhurst.

The Cup is now in its 24th year.

SYDNEY CITY PROBLEMS

SYDNEY CITY have not got much joy over being graded into Group C of the NSW Youth League.

Two of their teams have definite strength, another is of good quality and the fourth can only expect an ordinary season.

Grading was carried out on the overall standing of the entire four teams.

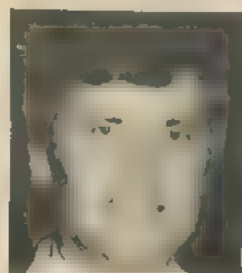
For Sydney City, that has left their crack Under 13 side, coached by former international John Doyle, playing against opposition that is as a rule below its class.

An official said: "We would have been far better off if the teams had been graded individually in their own age-group or if last year's arrangements had applied."

"We have brought an excellent team together and now we cannot give the players the standard of football that will keep them progressing and interested."

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

RALE RASIC SOCCER CAMPS, in conjunction with CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC SC and the SYDNEY SUN, present KEVIN KEEGAN at Arlington Oval on MONDAY, MAY 6.



RALE RASIC

KEVIN KEEGAN



RALE RASIC SOCCER CAMPS — Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10 at Arlington Oval 9am to 12noon.

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IF YOUR KIDS GET A KICK OUT OF SOCCER, THEY DESERVE THE BEST

RASIC, KEEGAN WILL WORK ON WEAKNESSES

RALE RASIC will introduce something completely new at his Coaching Camp at Arlington Oval starting on Monday, May 6.

He will ask junior team coaches to name the weaknesses in their sides and will then concentrate on trying to put them right.

"We will be at the stage of the season when the teams have played several matches, so coaches will know what is needed to improve results."

"If a coach says his team is giving away goals through poor defensive marking, my co-coaches and I will work on that particular weakness. Or if the forwards are missing too many chances, we'll give them concentrated shooting practice," said Rasic.

"This should ensure that young players get maximum benefit from the daily coaching sessions at Arlington Oval."

"After all, if a team has scored 100 goals, why bother trying to teach the players how to shoot?"

Ideally, Rasic would like to enlist full teams, rather than individual players, for his Coaching Camp.

If this is done, it could pay

handsome dividends for these teams.

The big attraction on the first day of Rasic's camp is, of course, the guest appearance of the fabulous Kevin Keegan.

Keegan is keen to meet and talk to the hundreds of youngsters who are certain to be at Arlington Oval on Monday, May 6.

Due to a hectic timetable, Keegan, the former England captain, will be able to attend only one coaching clinic during his 11-day stay in Australia.

So children attending the Rale Rasic Coaching Camp are getting a special treat.

The Sydney SUN newspaper is joining Rasic in sponsoring Keegan's appearance at Arlington and this week will announce details of how a limited number of boys and girls will be able to attend on that morning.

For full details of how to sign up for Rale Rasic's Coaching Camp, check the advertisement on this page.

SCHOOLS CHOOSE KIAMA

KIAMA should prove to be an excellent venue for the Primary Schools' open grade soccer championship in July.

The township is a thriving centre and holding of the titles there can only boost interest in the game.

NSWPS soccer convenor Richard Lorenc is expecting to receive a shield from the NSW Soccer Federation, who jumped in to sponsor this high standard competition drawn from the representative teams of the regions.

The Under 10 titles have been awarded to Metropolitan East, with the ground to be used yet to the decided.

This year 195 schools have entered the Mitre Shield, which is the very popular, KO series for the schools.

THEY GET AROUND!

SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND'S junior area covers centres such as Stanthorpe, Warwick, Toowoomba, Dalby, Roma, Chinchilla and Kingaroy/South Burnett.

This is a lot of ground but youngsters from the zone will be covering a lot more before the 1985 season is over.

The Under 15 group will have to journey up to Mt Isa for their shot at the Queensland state titles in June.

The Under 14 boys will be off to far-flung Townsville, with the Under 13s playing at Yandina and the Under 12s in the Harry Linning Cup in not so far distant Brisbane.

Zone Five publicity officer Nancy Probert advises that they are very proud of their representative juniors.

No photograph of the U15 squad is available yet but ASW is happy to print the names of the players who have won their places.

Toowoomba players: Andrew Tolputt, Andrew Finn, Chris Plummer, David Jones, Shawn Condon, Malcolm Jannusch, Peter Wells, Mark Wingett, David Lawson, Anthony Brown, Murray Dorge, and Chris Wardell (shadow player). **Roma players:** Michael Kerr and Rowan Cavanough. **Charlie Messina** is the only player from Stanthorpe in this age-group and Tony Anderson the only Dalby player. Two players from South Burnett are Jeffrey Evans and shadow player Tony Cooper.

SYDNEY ENTRIES

ST GEORGE Soccer Association are down nine teams on the 1984 entries, yet the overall number of registered players has increased.

Secretary John Hedison explained the anomaly in part by pointing out that player and team totals in the St George area are usually quite stable.

Ku-ring-gai and District Soccer Association received 595 entries this year, which is slightly down on 1984.

In Granville district, secretary Howard Smith reports 544 entries, a downturn of 12 teams from last season.

Nepean District Soccer Football Association this year showed a handsome increase in entries from 488 teams to 506.

In addition, there are 15 women's and girls teams, with well over 6,000 players registered with the Association.

The split-up over age-groupings shows 119 mini teams, 305 from Under 8 to Under 16, 66 Under 18 and all-age and 16 over 30 years teams.

THE SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND SQUADS



UNDER 12 ZONE TEAM:

Back Row: coach Derek Smith, Paul Stanton (Stanthorpe), Ashley Wilks (Toowoomba), Craig McConnell (Stanthorpe), team manager Roger Kelso.

Middle Row: Mitchell Watts (shadow), Anthony Briskey, Brian Brackin (all Stanthorpe), Chris Walker, Stephen Wilnot, Jamie Pengilly, Stewart Densley (shadow, all Toowoomba), Paul Stronge (Kingaroy).

Front Row: Shane Kelso, Kent Bird, Scott Lowe, Shane Will, Brett Gilbert, Scott Berry, Mark Elser (shadow, all Toowoomba).



UNDER 13 ZONE TEAM:

Back Row: Stephen Favero (Stanthorpe), Ashley Childs, Jeffrey Willett, Robbie O'Davis (all Toowoomba).

Middle Row: Richard Laherty (Dalby), Carl Rayner (shadow, Stanthorpe), Paul Able, James Barry (Toowoomba), Stephen Mattiazzi (Stanthorpe), Gary Fry, Jason Mantell (Dalby).

Front Row: Stuart Turner, Michael Short, Anthony Franke (shadow), Joshua Bird, Kim McMahon, Bradley Grutt (all Toowoomba), Justin Littlefield (Stanthorpe Assn, lives Texas).



UNDER 14 ZONE TEAM:

Back Row: Peter Scougal (shadow, Stanthorpe), Courtney Olin, Ken Duncan, Scott Weise (shadow, all Toowoomba), Brian Reilly (Kingaroy), Warren Allen (Toowoomba).

Middle Row: Scott Kerr (Roma), Shane Biber (T'mba), Anthony Fisher (Dalby), Paul Knobloch (T'mba), Ben Heaton (Stanthorpe), Jeff Green (shadow, Dalby), Damien Harrington (T'mba).

Front Row: Chris Condon (shadow), Jeff Patterson, Gavin Freier, Bradley Dorge (all Toowoomba), Shaun O'Reilly, Shane Dillon (Stanthorpe), Jesse Herbertson (T'mba).

YOUTH LEAGUE

SHARKS LUCKY AT ARLINGTON

SUTHERLAND U15 Group A team counted themselves very lucky indeed to come away from Arlington Park with a 2-1 win over Canterbury-Marrickville on Saturday.

Canterbury led 1-0 at half-time. They might have had another as one shot hit the post and the goalkeeper was able to regather the ball.

Then in the second half, central striker Grant Frearson and right striker Peter King both scored to put their team ahead.

Coach Andy Baber said that poor technique resulted in his team doing a lot of defending.

Canterbury attacked forcefully down the right throughout, but Sutherland sweeper Adam Sharp mopped up well.

Sutherland was also well served by left midfielder Gavin Dunn.

Fortunately for Sutherland U16 left-back Glen Langston had his strongest game of the season.

The teams were evenly matched but the game reached no great heights and ended in a scoreless draw.

Sutherland played reserve Wayne Turner in goal after Roger Adeleroff failed a fitness test and he handled his task extremely well.

Play was bogged down in midfield for long periods and the forwards of both teams were starved of the ball.

Melita U16s defeated depleted Baulkham Hills 7-0 and are entitled to a few bouquets for having sorted out many of their previous problems.

The Melita Stadium surface is now like a billiard table and that contributed greatly to Ian Lloyd's crack U14 team gaining a 5-0 win.

Forwards Kieran Rooney and Matthew Bingley, both secured from Granville Association, scored two goals each and Paul Rego collected another.

Full-backs Darren Crittenden and Justin Morgan both burned in top games.

ROUND 4 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Apia-Leichhardt v Blacktown City	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0
St George v Granville	2-1	4-0	4-1	3-2
Canterbury-M'ville v Sutherland	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0
Nepean v Sydney Olympic	0-1	2-3	0-2	4-2
Marconi v Illawarra	5-1	2-0	2-1	3-1

GROUP B

Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast	0-4	0-4	1-2	2-1
Melita v Baulkham Hills	1-1	5-0	1-2	7-0
Gladesville v Croatia	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Avala v Southern Dists	2-4	5-1	2-4	0-0
Nth Bankstown v Manly	2-1	2-1	3-0	0-2

GROUP C

Sydney City v Rockdale	5-2	0-4	5-0	4-0
Bankstown v Macarthur	0-2	1-2	0-0	3-2
Bathurst '75 v Canterbury	2-4	1-3	0-4	1-0
Campbelltown v Blacktown	1-4	1-2	1-2	0-1
Sydney Yugal bye.				

UNDER 13

GROUP A: St George 8, Blacktown 6, Olympic 5, Marconi 5, Apia 4, Nepean 4, Canterbury-M'ville 3, Sutherland 3, Illawarra 2, Granville 2.

GROUP B: Nth Bankstown 8, Southern Dists 6, Central Coast 6, Melita 5, Gladesville 4, Ku-ring-gai 4, Manly 3, Avala 3, Baulkham Hills 1, Croatia 0.

GROUP C: Blacktown 8, Sydney City 8, Macarthur 6, Canterbury 6, Campbelltown 4, Bankstown 2, Yugal 2, Bathurst 2, Rockdale 2.

UNDER 14

GROUP A: St George 8, Olympic 8, Apia 7, Marconi 5, Canterbury-M'ville 4, Sutherland 3, Illawarra 2, Granville 1, Blacktown City 1.

GROUP B: Melita 8, Avala 7, Nth Bankstown 6, Central Coast 6, Ku-ring-gai 4, Gladesville 4, Manly 3, Baulkham Hills 2, Croatia 0, Southern Dists 0.

GROUP C: Rockdale 8, Macarthur 7, Bankstown 6, Bathurst 4, Yugal 4, Blacktown 4, Canterbury 3, Sydney City 2, Campbelltown 2.

UNDER 15

GROUP A: Blacktown City 8, Olympic 5, Apia 5, Nepean 5, Illawarra 5, St George 4, Marconi 4, Sutherland 4, Canterbury-M'ville 2, Granville 0.

GROUP B: Nth Bankstown 7, Gladesville 6, Melita 6, Baulkham Hills 4, Southern Dists 4, Manly 4, Avala 4, Central Coast 3, Croatia 2, Ku-ring-gai 0.

GROUP C: Blacktown 8, Sydney City 7, Macarthur 6, Canterbury 5, Campbelltown 4, Bankstown 4, Yugal 3, Bathurst 2, Rockdale 1.

UNDER 16

GROUP A: Marconi 8, St George 6, Apia 6, Nepean 6, Canterbury-M'ville 4, Olympic 4, Blacktown City 3, Illawarra 2, Sutherland 1, Granville 0.

GROUP B: Ku-ring-gai 8, Manly 8, Avala 5, Gladesville 5, Croatia 4, Southern Dists 4, Central Coast 2, Melita 2, Nth Bankstown 2, Baulkham Hills 0.

GROUP C: Sydney City 8, Bathurst 8, Rockdale 5, Yugal 4, Canterbury 4, Blacktown 4, Campbelltown 3, Macarthur 2, Bankstown 2.

International Profile



JANE OAKLEY

ENGLISH-born Jane, 18, migrated to Australia with her parents at the tender age of two.

Last December, Jane was recruited into the Australian squad for the World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan.

An orthodox left flanker with a lethal left foot, Jane made her debut on the left side of midfield.

An insurance clerk with the Victorian firm AAMI, Jane did not have a happy baptism in the international arena. The main reason being she felt "lost" in the midfield.

At training sessions in Taipei City, Jane looked the goods but that form didn't spill over onto the international arena.

In my opinion, Jane should always be used as an orthodox left wing striker and not pulled back into the midfield where it is an entirely different world for her, upsetting her natural performance.

BIRTHDATE: June 25, 1966.

BIRTHPLACE: Leicester, England.

HEIGHT: 5'7"

PLAYING POSITION: Left striker but midfielder for Australia.

OCCUPATION: Insurance clerk.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Dandenong North, Victoria.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Elvis Presley, Spandau Ballet.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Rock Hudson, Christopher Reeve and Jerry Lewis.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Julie Dolan, Jenny Rampal (Dandenong) and Leigh Wardell.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: West Germany's deadly Silvia Neid.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: Everything. It was a fabulous experience and would like to very much represent Australia there again.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS: Some of the organisation that goes on in Australian women's soccer and the attitude of some people that are involved within the game.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: Far more time to organise for such an event as Taiwan because it is easily the most memorable event in women's soccer.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH JOHN ECONOMOS

NORTHERN NSW PLAYER WEDS

ROBYN BENNETT, Northern NSW right full-back since 1980, elevated herself to the front-line at her wedding recently to Barry Ellery of Budgewoi.

Popular opinion in her state, and some others, is that she is the best attacking full-back in Australia — fearless in defence and aggressive in attack.

She is also the "cheer squad" leader for her team, which, combined with her will-to-win and sense of humour, makes her an asset to her coach and a morale-booster to her team-mates.

Assisting Robyn at her wedding, as one of her four bridesmaids, was her long-time friend, club and state team player and Australia's No 1 striker, Renaye Iserief.

But it was Robyn who scored all the goals this day with her radiance.

Who else to act as Master of Ceremonies at her wedding than her club and state coach, Lionel Sneyd?

Lionel wasn't issuing instructions this day, but taking them gladly.

Off the field of play, Robyn is a loyal family girl and fun-loving young lady, and if she applies the same qualities to her marriage as she does to her sport she is sure to be a winner.

Robyn also plays indoor cricket with Renaye for North Lakes Sport & Rec and the team took out the grand final of their summer comp the week before her wedding.



ROBYN BENNETT (left) with bridesmaid and Northern NSW team-mate, Renaye Iserief.



KEITH GILMOUR, one of Australia's most respected sports journalists, was appointed as the AWSA's national executive director.

Gilmour is pictured above with England manager Bobby Robson.

Next week I will give our readers a background briefing on Gilmour's career.

Robyn will once again represent the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association at the State Championships in Lismore in June, and maybe this year the Green and Gold will not elude her.

KU-RING-GAI RADICAL SWITCH

DURING 1984, Ku-ring-gai and District Women's Soccer Association fielded 10 teams, playing in two divisions.

In a radical move this year, the Ku-ring-gai Association has entered the much larger and stronger Gladesville-Hornsby competition.

"In order to expand, and to provide a wider range of experienced teams to compete against, I felt we had to take this step," president Tim Dyce said.

"Last year we only had five teams in each division, which is too few to properly develop soccer skills to a reasonable degree."

It has taken Ku-ring-gai women's soccer 10 years to develop into a strong organisation. Now the main emphasis is to be placed on raising junior teams.

With so many schools now offering both girls' and boys' recreational soccer, the demand for clubs to provide opportunities for the girls to play on weekends is outstripping most clubs resources.

The intention this year is to concentrate on improving the all-age teams towards representative level and lay the groundwork for a regular influx of junior girls.

These will be coached, on a long-term basis, to eventually reach a standard where state and national levels can be achieved.

There have been some disappointments, as Tim explained: "We have had many enquiries and initially we put the girls in contact with their local clubs, but unfortunately the clubs have failed to follow up and encourage these girls."

Even now, though well past most registration dates, Tim would like to hear from all young ladies from within the Ku-ring-gai district who are keen to play soccer, as it may be possible to place them in suitable teams (phone 48 3486).

International Profile



LISA DUNNE

LISA, 18, is endowed with pace, energy and a great willingness to "have a go."

She was selected in the Australian team to travel to Taiwan for the World Women's Invitational Tournament.

The always smiling, happy-go-lucky Lisa's chance to make her debut for her country came in Australia's first match of the tournament against Japan.

Completely unperturbed by the nippy skills of the Japanese, this young filly showed unbridled arrogance as she ripped into the opposition with strong attacking raids from the right flank.

Going wide to stretch the opposition, unselfish Lisa constantly looked to feed her Northern NSW team-mate, striker Renaye Iserief.

With more international exposure, and correct guidance, young Lisa could become a valuable flank-striker for the national side.

BIRTHDATE: October 26, 1967.

BIRTHPLACE: Newcastle.

HEIGHT: 5'5"

PLAYING POSITION: Striker (but one year as a defender).

OCCUPATION: Student in Year 11 at Glendale High.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Charlestown, Argenton, Charlestown, Kahiba, Toronto and back to Charlestown again.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Eagles.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Sylvester Stallone, Robert Wagner.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Col Curran, Peter Tredinnick, Gale Cousins and Julie Dolan.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: None really.

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST AT THE WORLD TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN: The overall hospitality was just magnificent and the way all the travelling girls got on really well.

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST WHEN OVERSEAS: The actual flying time and any breakdowns in planned schedules. But there was not much to complain about really.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS FOR FUTURE TOURS: Seeing it's a women's team that is travelling, I think we should put a little more thought into what type of gear we should be wearing whilst travelling and what we should be taking over with us.

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THOMMO HAS A SHOT AT NAMESAKE

PLUCKY Queensland Premier League club Mount Gravatt has challenged multiple national champions Sydney City to an end-of-season match — under QSF president Ian Brusasco's controversial offside and back-pass rules.

Hawks coach Eric Thompson ("that's the English way with a P") issued the challenge to the Slickers Eddie Thomson after an article in "Thommo's Shots" in the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Eddie scoffed at Eric's suggestion, published in ASW, that the only way the game could be played successfully under Brusasco's rules was if two extra field players were incorporated.

The Sydney Thommo said the 60 metre offside-free zone made little difference and the build-up could be slow or quick, teams could still keep possession and players could still perform their skills.

But Brisbane's Thommo disagrees — and has challenged Sydney City to come to Queensland and play Mount Gravatt under the rules.

DIFFERENCE

"I would like Eddie Thomson to see first-hand what we all saw during the pre-season competition up here. I know I would be proved right and under the Brusasco rules I think we could beat Sydney City.

"And maybe we can run on two extra players each after half-time and see if it makes a difference," Thompson said.

While the challenge is unlikely to come off, Thompson is adamant his suggestion is not banana logic.

"I have a lot of respect for Eddie Thomson because of what he has done but he obviously has never seen the game under Brusasco's rules," he said.

"Under normal rules, and accepting that the penalty box is the keepers, the offside-free zone is from the 18 yard line to halfway, about 35 metres — not a similar 60 metres as he suggests.

"But the Brusasco rules do enlarge the offside-free zone to 60 metres which turns things into a running game. The team becomes disjointed between attack and defence, and players are spread like a game of Australian rules.

"The extra players could alleviate the disunity and take the pressure off midfielders to constantly run back and forth, having little chance to play football.

MOUNT GRAVATT'S

END-OF-SEASON

CHALLENGE TO

EDDIE'S SLICKERS



EDDIE THOMSON

"But the whole crux of my argument was the back-pass rule. An attacking team could play a bad ball into the 25 metre no pass-back zone and be rewarded with a goal because a defender was left stranded.

"Goals should be the reward for skill. And as a Scotsman Eddie should know and appreciate that," Thompson said.

PERRY RETURNS

FORMER Soccerroo full-back Steve Perry has begun a new playing career in the Queensland Intermediate League.

Perry transferred from Brisbane City to bayside club Redlands for a bargain \$2,500.

This time last year Perry was a member of the Queensland team which played New South Wales at Perry Park and could have played NSL again this year.

But he cited a weariness of travelling as influential in his decision to step out of the NSL.

Perry, who played 12 times for Australia, mostly during the Rudi Gutendorf era, links up with former Brisbane City and Lions striker Barry Kelso at Redlands.

Kelso, who started his career with Redlands, has returned to the club seemingly to finish his playing days.

The pair will be joined in the Intermediate League, which is a step below the Premier League, by another former NSL player, goalkeeper Nigel Lownds.

Lownds will play on loan at Rochdale after negotiations to buy his contract fell through.

THISTLE SNAP UP KIWI

GRANGE THISTLE have scored a signing coup over its Queensland Premier League rivals by snaring former New Zealand National League player Paddy McGarry.

McGarry is in Australia on a working holiday and has been signed on a free clearance.

The skilful attacking midfielder or striker is a South Island representative and

had stints with Dundee City and Gisborne City.

Another former Gisborne player, brilliant little midfielder Martin Kirsopp, is expected back in Brisbane this week.

Kirsopp played with great success at Mount Gravatt last season but seemed lost to the Hawks when he returned to England during the off-season.

But some determined behind-the-scenes work, and

some assistance from Senator Ron Boswell, gained Kirsopp a sportsman's visa and he is being rushed back to Australia to bolster the Mount Gravatt side.

The Hawks are the reigning Premier League premiers, but took only one point from their first two matches.

They played a scoreless draw with Taringa then were soundly beaten 4-2 by Brisbane Lions.

Thistle, Mount Gra-

vatt's arch-rivals, started the season much more positively with a surprise 2-0 win over 1984 grand final winners Ipswich United and then a comeback 2-2 draw with Acacia Ridge.

But Taringa, coached by the mercurial Iain Kesson, have been the surprise packets. After narrowly escaping relegation last year they have taken the competition by storm in the opening two rounds, taking

LIONS BLAST 'POACHERS'

BRISBANE LIONS could file an official complaint over behind-the-scenes approaches by Melbourne clubs for their young stopper Alan Hunter.

Hunter, 20, was approached by a Melbourne club after a recent game against another Melbourne side and has received telephone calls from a southern coach.

Hunter has played down the incidents but Lions officials are angered by what they call "blatant poaching."

"They are inducing a breach of the player's contract by trying to entice him away from Lions. Quite simply they are poaching and that is just not on," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

Hunter, who is hop-

Up North

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS FROM BRISBANE

ing to break into the national team this season, was pursued persistently during the off-season by Heidelberg, who were keen to sign the youngster despite a \$30,000 transfer fee slapped on him by the Lions board.

Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith understandably is not happy about the latest round of approaches.

"You have to remember Alan is only 20 and it is hard for him to concentrate on his soccer when he is involved in big-money

offers and constant publicity," he said.

Hunter said that up until now he felt he could handle the approaches, and did not want the club to make a "thing" of it.

"I can handle things at the moment, but I wouldn't want it to continue though because I want to concentrate on Lions doing well in the League, playing well against New South Wales and getting picked in the Queensland team to go to Fiji," he said.

BRAZILIAN STRIKER ARRIVES

BRISBANE CITY officials are predicting their Brazilian signing Roberto Lettieri could finish among the leading NSL scorers this season — despite a late start to the year.

Lettieri, 30, arrived a week ago after his travel plans had been repeatedly delayed for a wide range of reasons.

But the striker, who once played alongside Brazilian Falcao in the Port Allegro team, is settling in Brisbane and keen to consolidate an NSL team place at Spencer Park.

Although the Brazilian speaks no English, it has not taken him long to make his presence felt.

"Football is a universal language and we seem to be getting through to each other," City coach Jim Hermiston said.

Lettieri has a brilliant left foot and hits a powerful and accu-

rate shot.

"I think he is going to catch a few keepers by surprise," Hermiston added.

Lettieri, who is hoping to settle permanently, is the third South American signing for Brisbane City.

Meanwhile, City are still awaiting the return from injury of former captain Frank Pimblett.

Pimblett dislocated his shoulder on his first outing after settling a contractual dispute with the club.

He is expected to be back in full training soon, but after giving the other players a two-month headstart with fitness it could be



FRANK PIMBLETT

some weeks before he makes his return to the NSL side.

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UK Scene

FERGUSON HAS SECRET TALKS

ALEX FERGUSON of Aberdeen would have to be rated the top club manager in Britain, which is why there are again rumours that he will be quitting Aberdeen to take up a job with a top English club.

At 42, Ferguson has inspired Aberdeen to unprecedented success and he could be tempted to get out while he is right at the top.

Ferguson still has three years left on his contract but this did not prevent his having secret talks with an English club recently.

But it will take a mighty offer to get him.

The Aberdeen boss has already refused to move to Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur, even though Tottenham were willing



ALEX FERGUSON

to make him the highest-paid club manager in the UK.

TERROR TACKLE

BRIGHTON's Gerry Ryan had his leg broken in a tackle involving Crystal Palace's Henry Hughton and Brighton skipper Danny Wilson described the incident as "the worst tackle I've seen in my life."

Hughton said he was very sorry about what happened and wanted to apologise to Ryan personally.

Brighton manager Chris Cattlin commented: "It's doubtful if Gerry will ever play again."

BAREFOOT WIZARD

FULHAM seem to have unearthed a genuine talent in their Ghana forward Kenny Achampong.

The teenager, nicknamed "Pongo", is also known by the fans as "The Black Pearl" after scoring three vital goals in his first two games.

Although Pongo was brought up in Africa, where he played barefoot in the bush, he was actually born in London.

LONELY RODNEY MARSH!

REMEMBER Rodney Marsh? Not the cricketer. We mean the footballer who used to charm fans at Manchester City, QPR and Fulham.

Marsh is in a strange situation at present.

He is the only full-time employee of Tampa Bay Rowdies, one of many North American Soccer League clubs to pull out of the game.

HALES GOES FREE

DEREK HALES was a very big name in English football not so long ago when his amazing nose for goalscoring made him a fearsome foe for any defence.

Now Hales is no longer a star striker. He was transferred last week from Charlton Athletic to Gillingham... on a free transfer.

TERRY TIPS THE BUCKET

FORMER Spurs and Arsenal boss Terry Neill has produced a book which empties the bucket on several players and officials.

Neill estimates about 20 percent of top players are drunks.

He writes about Allan Sunderland and Kenny Sansom waking up a hotel with a boozy scuffle and reveals he regularly in-

vited Willie Young to go behind the stand "to settle matters."

Perhaps Neill's most amazing revelation is that he once found one of his players at home on Christmas Day gushing blood from

slashed wrists. The player turned out at Highbury on Boxing Day, his suicide attempt a failure.

After writing this sort of stuff, is there any future left in football for Terry Neill?



TERRY NEILL

LETHAL PAIR

WALES team boss Mike England reckons he has the best two strikers in Europe in the Welsh international team.

The pair are, of course, Ian Rush of Liverpool and Mark Hughes of Manchester United.

"I'm a lucky man," said England. "Mark Hateley is not in the same class as either of them."

"Rush and Hughes have only played together four times for Wales and we've never lost."

"They both have a fierce determination to win yet they're the easiest players in the whole team to control."

No wonder Scotland is worried, very worried, about the return World Cup elimination game in Wales.

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION FROM BRITAIN

EVERTON CANT BE CAUGHT

WITH a massive 10 points lead at the top of the English First Division, Everton look certain to take out the championship.

The men from Merseyside went on their relentless way at the weekend with a 2-0 away victory over bottom team Stoke City.

With Tottenham Hotspur surprisingly beaten at White Hart Lane by struggling Ipswich Town 3-2 and Manchester United's match against Luton Town delayed until Monday morning (Australian east coast time), there now appears no hope of anyone catching the Toffees of Everton.

No doubt a few optimistic Manchester United followers still believe their team has an outside chance of overhauling Everton, but the situation looks impossible.

Not only are United 10 points behind, they have also played one more match than Everton, and it'll be two after the Luton game.

Against Stoke, Everton's goalscorers were Graeme Sharp and Kevin Sheedy.

Spurs lost their chance of the title at the same time as Ipswich clawed a step closer to safety in that 3-2 win in London.

Eric Gates, perhaps the most under-rated star at Ipswich, scored his team's vital third goal from a penalty kick.

If things seem to be sorted out at the top of the table, there is a tremendous struggle at the other end in the battle to dodge relegation.

Stoke are already doomed after getting

three wins in 35 games, but who will go down with them?

Coventry, Luton, Sunderland and Ipswich are worst-placed but Watford, Norwich, West Ham and Ipswich are also still in trouble.

Aberdeen are almost home in Scotland, following another stirring win — the Dons beating Dumbarton 4-0.

While Celtic also won, 3-0 against St Mirren, they are six points behind Aberdeen with a match in hand.

Rangers fans, who have had to endure a lot this season, had a rare treat — a convincing victory by the Ibrox Park side.

Rangers travelled to Greenock and came home with two points from their 3-0 win.

But they are still a depressing 19 points adrift of table-toppers Aberdeen.



GRAEME SHARP

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Liverpool 3 Newcastle 1; Norwich 1 Leicester 3; Nottingham Forest 2 Coventry 0; Queen's Park Rangers 1 Arsenal 0; Southampton 2 Aston Villa 0; Stoke 0 Everton 2; Sunderland 0 West Ham 1; Tottenham 2 Ipswich 3; West Bromwich 0 Chelsea 1; Luton v Manchester United (played yesterday).

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 2 Charlton 1; Blackburn 3 Middlesbrough 0; Brighton 1 Leeds 1; Carlisle 0 Cardiff 1; Crystal Palace 2 Portsmouth 1; Fulham 2 Grimsby 1; Huddersfield 1 Notts County 2; Manchester City 2 Sheffield United 0; Oxford 5 Oldham 2; Shrewsbury 2 Barnsley 0; Wimbledon 1 Wolverhampton 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bradford 3 Burnley 2; Brentford 0 Bournemouth 0; Bristol City 4 Preston 0; Cambridge 0 Reading 2; Gillingham 2 Bolton 3; Millwall 1 Bristol Rovers 0; Newport 0 Hull 1; Orient 0 Rotherham 1; Walsall 0 Plymouth 3; Wigan 2 Derby 0; York 2 Lincoln 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	34	23	6	5	77	36	75
Man Utd	35	19	8	8	67	37	65
Tottenham	36	19	7	10	66	41	64
Liverpool	35	17	9	8	52	26	60
Sheff Wed	36	17	9	10	49	42	60
Sheff Utd	36	15	14	7	52	37	59
Notts Forest	36	17	8	13	56	44	59
Chelsea	36	15	11	10	52	42	57
Aston Villa	37	13	10	14	49	54	49
QPR	37	12	11	14	45	56	47
Leicester	37	13	6	18	59	63	45
West Bromwich	37	13	6	18	47	57	45
Newcastle	38	11	12	15	50	66	45
Watford	35	11	11	13	64	61	44
Norwich	36	11	9	16	41	56	42
West Ham	34	10	11	13	52	54	41
Ipswich	35	10	9	16	37	51	39
Sunderland	37	10	9	16	37	51	39
Luton	33	10	8	15	44	54	38
Coventry	34	11	4	19	36	54	37
Stoke	35	3	8	24	20	73	17

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	37	23	7	7	75	31	76
Birmingham	38	22	6	10	55	33	72
Blackburn	37	19	10	8	60	37	67
Manchester C	38	19	10	9	57	35	67
Portsmouth	38	17	14	7	62	47	65
Brighton	38	17	12	9	43	29	63
Leeds	38	17	11	10	62	40	62
Shrewsbury	37	16	11	10	61	48	59
Fulham	36	17	7	14	61	61	58
Grimsby	37	16	7	14	65	55	55
Barnsley	36	14	13	9	41	33	55
Wimbledon	37	15	8	14	66	69	53
Huddersfield	37	14	9	14	48	55	51
Carlisle	38	13	7	18	46	55	46
Sheff Utd	38	10	13	15	51	59	43
Oldham	38	12	7	19	41	64	43
Charlton	37	9	12	16	41	62	39
Crystal Palace	38	8	9	21	37	55	33
Middlesbrough	38	8	6	24	38	69	30
Notts County	38	7	9	22	34	66	30
Wolves	37	7	8	22	40	72	29
Cardiff	37	7	8	22	40	72	29

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	41	26	9	6	68	36	87
Hull	41	22	12	7	69	43	78
Millwall	40	22	10	8	60	36	76
Gillingham	40	21	7	12	66	55	70
Bristol City	39	21	6	12	64	40	69
Bristol Rovers	40	20	9	11	59	40	69
Rotherham	41	18	11	12	54	45	65
Bournemouth	41	17	10	14	49	41	61
Walsall	40	17	10	13	54	47	61
York	41	17	8	16	62	54	59
Derby	41	16	11	14	57	50	59
Reading	38	17	8	13	56	51	59
Plymouth	41	14	12	15	58	59	54
Plymouth	41	15	7	18	62	62	52
Doncaster	40	13	12	15	52	54	51
Newport	42	15	6	22	62	60	50
Bolton	40	13	11	16	52	65	50
Brentford	40	10	15	15	45	45	45
Lincoln	40	10	15	15	45	45	45
Wigan	38	11	12	15	41	48	45
Preston	40	12	5	23	46	88	41
Burnley	41	9	12	20	55	68	39
Orient	41	10	9	22	47	73	39

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Aldershot 0 Swindon 1; Blackpool 2 Hereford 0; Bury 0 Mansfield 0; Chester 2 Port Vale 0; Chesterfield 1 Torquay 0; Darlington 2 Peterborough 1; Exeter 0 Stockport 2; Northampton 2 Tranmere 0.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 4 Dumbarton 0; Celtic 3 St Mirren 0; Dundee 3 Hearts 0; Hibernian 1 Dundee United 1; Morton 0 Rangers 3.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Airdrieonians 1 Clyde 2; Brechin 1 Meadowbank 2; East Fife 0; Kilmarnock 2; Falkirk 0 Hamilton 0; Forfar 1 Clydebank 1; Partick 0 Motherwell 1; St Johnstone 0; Ayr 2.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Alloa 1 East Stirling 3; Arbroath 1; Stenhousemuir 1; Berwick 0; Cowdenbeath 4; Dunfermline 0; Montrose 0; Queen of Spth 1; Albion 2; Queen's Park 1; Raith 2; Stranraer 1; Stirling 0.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Crusaders 1; Ballymena 3; Larne 2; Carrick 0; Coleraine 2; Cliftonville 0; Bangor 1; Distillery 3; Glenavon 2; Linfield 2; Newry 0; Portadown 1; Glentoran 0.

Swansea 40 10 9 21 47 73 39
Cardiff 40 3 8 29 33 84 17

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	41	23	11	7	59	34	80
Darlington	39	22	11	6	58	39	77
Blackpool	40	22	10	8	62	34	76
Bury	40	21	11	8	63	41	74
Hereford	40	20	10	10	57	38	70
Colchester	41	18	13	10	79	59	67
Swindon	42	20	7	15	55	51	67
Scunthorpe	41	18	11	12	73	52	65
Crewe	41	18	10	13	59	57	64
Tranmere	41	20	3	18	72	61	63
Peterborough	42	16	11	15	53	51	59
Mansfield	42	16	12	16	36	31	52
Port Vale	41	12	15	14	50	51	51
Aldershot	39	14	8	17	46	56	50
Hartlepool	42	12	10	19	50	60	49
Exeter	42	12	18	15	55	77	48
Southend	41	12	11	18	57	77	47
Stockport	39	13	7	19	55	65	46
Wrexham	41	11	8	22	59	67	41
Rochdale	37	10	11	16	43	53	41
Chester	40	11	8	21	48	61	41
Torquay	41	9	13	19	35	54	40
Halifax	41	11	5	25	32	63	38
Northampton	42	11	4	27	47	72	37

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	33	25	4	4	83	24	54
Celtic	32	21	6	5	73	27	48
Dundee United	33	18	7	8	63	31	43
Rangers	32	12	11	9	42	33	35
Dundee	33	13	6	14	46	50	32
St Mirren	33	14	4	15	41	54	32
Hearts	33	13	5	15	44	53	31
Hibernian	33	6	7	18	35	56	23
Dumbarton	33	6	7	20	29	59	19
Morton	33	5	1	27	27	96	11

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	36	16	13	7	53	33	45
Motherwell	35	19	6	10	55	34	44
Falkirk	36	18	6	12	63	53	42
Airdrieonians	36	16	7	13	64	54	39
Forfar	36	14	11	11	53	46	39
Clyde	36	14	11	11	45	42	39
Hamilton	36	15	9	12	42	45	39
Ayr	36	13	9	14	52	47	35
Brechin	36	14	7	15	48	55	35
East Fife	36	11	11	14	51	53	33
Partick	36	12	7	17	47	53	31
Kilmarnock	36	10	10	16	35	55	30
Meadowbank	36	9	10	17	44	61	28
St Johnstone	35	9	5	21	45	66	23

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montrose	35	21	7	7	53	35	49
Dunfermline	35	15	14	6	53	32	44
Alloa	35	18	8	9	53	38	44
Cowdenbeath	36	16	11	9	62	37	42
Stenhousemuir	36	14	14	8	41	39	42
Stirling	36	13	13	10	58	45	39
Raith	35	15	6	14	58	50	36
Albion	35	13	6	16	46	66	32
Stranraer	36	13	5	18	52	61	30
Queen's Park	36	11	8	17	44	52	30
Queen of South	36	8	14	14	39	51	30
East Stirling	36	7	14	15	36	50	28
Berwick	35	8	11	16	35	4	27
Arbroath	36	8	7	21	32	64	23